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## LACC HOSTS ARMENIAN INDEPENDENCE DAY ZOOM CELEBRATION

September 16, 2020 – On Monday, September 21, 2020, Los Angeles City College (LACC) will host a special Zoom event to celebrate Armenian Independence Day.

The special celebration will begin at 1pm and will feature a reflection by Dr. Armen Baibourtian, H.E. Ambassador and Consul General of Armenia in Los Angeles, on Armenia's role in Los Angeles and the global context. Remarks will also be made by LACC President Dr. Mary Gallagher; Honorable Andra Hoffman, President, Los Angeles Community College District Board of Trustees; Honorable Adrin Nazarian, California State Assembly member District 46; Honorable U.S. Representative Judy Chu; and Dr. Ann Karagozian, distinguished UCLA professor and inaugural Director of the UCLA Promise Armenian Institute.

In addition to presentations by local representatives, music will be performed by Lilit Khovayan, one of the most recognized qanun players in the Armenian Diaspora, and Armen Stepanyan, a master of the Duduk. LACC students will recite a poem.

"We are proud to honor LACC's Armenian community," said President Gallagher. "It is important that we represent every part of our LACC family including our Armenian students, faculty, staff and neighbors."

The free event can be viewed via Zoom, ID 985-6773-5574.

## About Los Angeles City College

Established in 1929, Los Angeles City College is the oldest of the Los Angeles Community Colleges. Located in the heart of Hollywood, LACC provides a dynamic innovative learning environment offering more than 100 vocational and professional programs including degrees, transfer programs and certificates to more than 18,000 students. In the past decade, a total of 6,651 students have transferred to four-year colleges and universities, including 4,040 students attending CalState universities and 1,086 students transferring to UC campuses. Los Angeles City College is home to one of the most vibrant and diverse campuses in the country. The campus provides a wide range of professional and vocational programs at a fraction of the cost of state and private colleges. Ranked in the top three Best Southern California Community Colleges by USA Today News, LACC provides students and adult learners vital pathways to more advanced education and enhanced em ployment. In 2019, LACC celebrated its 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary.