

Program Highlights

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Mike Fong Sworn-In as Member of LACCD Board of Trustees



Trustee Mike Fong (left) is administered the oath of office by CA State Controller John Chiang (right)

This past March 12, 2015, Mike Fong was sworn-in as the newest member of the Los Angeles Community College District Board of Trustees. The Board appointed Fong to fill Seat No. 7, vacant since Miguel Santiago left in December following his election to the State Assembly.

Fong was elected to complete the term for Seat No. 7, vacated by Miguel Santiago who is now a member of the State Assembly. The official term will begin in July.

“It’s surreal,” said Fong. “I am very excited and anxious to start working on the challenges ahead.”

Fong was sworn in at the start of Wednesday’s board meeting at District headquarters in downtown Los Angeles by John Chiang, California State Treasurer, who has known Fong for a dozen years.

“He is incredibly passionate about his work,” said Chiang of the newest trustee. “He is very engaged with those at the grass-roots level. He has a personal connection with both students and future students, making sure they know there are opportunities for them in the community college system.”

Fong’s connection with LACCD goes back before he was even born. His father, Peter, and mother, Wanda, met at Los Angeles City College.

“He was the voice of the younger generation,” said Trustee Mike Eng. “Now, he’s on the Board as part of the older generation.”

Board President Scott Svonkin immediately put Fong to work, announcing that Fong will chair an ad hoc board subcommittee on summer jobs for young people and will be a member of an ad hoc board subcommittee working on District policy changes.

Fong works with the Los Angeles Economic & Workforce Development Department on the Hire LA Summer Youth Employment Program, Cash for College, and the Bank on Los Angeles programs. He also audits and monitors various YouthSource Center agencies which help young people pursue educational goals and job training programs.

Los Angeles Valley College Celebrates Opening of New Community Services Center

This past March, Los Angeles Valley College celebrated the opening of the college’s new Community Services Center (CSC), a beautiful new building that will house the college’s Community Services Department, Gymnastics Center and the Monarch Summer Camp, and will include a variety of learning and athletic spaces. The CSC is built to high sustainability standards.

“The building we are celebrating today exemplifies what community colleges are all about, both preparing our students for the jobs the Los Angeles economy is producing and providing services and facilities to the communities around our campuses,” said Board of Trustees President Scott Svonkin. “Our Building Program is all about helping students and local residents achieve their dreams and improve their lives, and this new



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building at Valley will help make that possible.”

The CSC is a multipurpose facility combining instructional, activity and administrative spaces. The instructional zone features a dividable lecture hall designed to accommodate a variety of Community Services programs, and a Computer Lab that will be used as an Athletics Study Hall during the day and

an instructional classroom at night. The activity zone includes the Gymnastics Center and two large multipurpose rooms for various dance, martial arts, community wellness and student activities. In addition, the activity zone features an indoor 30-foot climbing wall. The administrative zone houses the Community Services Program office.

“Our new Community Services Center is an exciting addition to Valley College,” said Dr. Erika Endrijonas, president of Valley College. “It combines athletics facilities with instructional spaces, and our multipurpose Computer Lab is particularly welcome. Plus, I’m looking forward to attracting residents from all our surrounding communities with the new services we are providing. We are definitely polishing the jewel that is Valley College.”

The new building is about 29,000 square feet in size, and its \$23 million budget was paid for with funding approved by voters as part of the \$6.2 billion Los Angeles



Pictured in front of the future LAVC Athletic Training Field, from L to R: Trustee Mona Fields, LAVC President Dr. Erika Endrijonas, CPD Mark Strauss, Trustee Nancy Pearlman, Trustee Scott Svonkin, Assemblymember Adrin Nazarian and LACCD Chancellor Dr. Francisco C. Rodriguez.

Community College Building Program. Valley College is one of nine colleges that make up the LACCD. Valley College is in the midst of a \$626 million program to renovate and modernize the campus to better serve the San Fernando Valley and all of Los Angeles.

“Community service centers like the one we are dedicating today demonstrate our commitment to be integral parts of the communities we serve,” said Dr. Francisco Rodriguez, chancellor of the nine-college LACCD. “At the same time, the sustainability features built into this beautiful new building show that LACCD continues to be serious about minimizing our impact to the environment and being good stewards of our communities.”

Built for sustainability, the Center’s green features include bio-retention areas to mitigate stormwater run-off, the use of drought-resistant California native plants and trees, low-flow bathroom fixtures for increased

Director's Corner



PMO Director Terri Mestas

For the past several months, the Program Management Office (PMO) has been a whirlwind of activity as we get ready to issue

RFPs for some of the biggest remaining projects at our colleges. In the next couple weeks, we will see awards for benchmark projects like East Los Angeles College's Firestone Educational Center, the Pierce College Automotive Center and the Valley Academic and Cultural Center at Valley College. Without a doubt, the forward moving path that we are undergoing would not

have been possible without the guidance and support of the District's Board of Trustees. The renewed direction that the bond program is heading down started more than three years ago with the selection of Jim O'Reilly as Chief Facilities Director and continued with the selection of a new program manager. The Board of Trustees took the initiative to put together a team that could bring new ideas and initiative to the oversight of the \$6.2 billion program.

In the last several months, the Board's direction and foresight have been rewarded by milestone achievements such as an increase in the District's bond rating to AA+, high praise from accreditation and audit

reports, and the approval of West LA College to offer a Bachelor of Applied Science in Dental Hygiene in its new state-of-the-art laboratories and classrooms built under the bond program.

As we look forward to the coming months and the increase of construction activity during that time, the Build-LACCD program will continue to enhance the collaborative working relationship with our esteemed district leadership.



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water efficiency, low-flow irrigation for increased water efficiency, low VOC paints and adhesives to be used, large overhang roofs to reflect and minimize solar heat gain while provide shading on hot days, natural ventilation in gymnastic spaces, and solar reflective glass to minimize solar heat gain within building.

In addition to President Svonkin, Chancellor Rodriguez, and President Endrijonas, attendees at the ceremony included Los Angeles City Councilman Paul Krekorian, and LACCD Board of Trustees members Steve Veres, Mona Field, and Nancy Pearlman.

After the formal ribbon cutting, tours of the new building were conducted for attendees.



LA Southwest College Celebrates Opening of New School of Career and Technical Education and Upgraded Arts and Humanities Building

Joined by elected officials representing the campus, Los Angeles Southwest College (LASC) today celebrated the dedication of \$80 million in two new and renovated buildings, a new School of Career & Technical Education (SoCTE) and a major upgrade of the

Cox Building, which serves arts and humanities education at the college. LASC is one of nine colleges making up the Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD). The buildings were

For more information on the program or any of the college projects., please visits us at: www.build-laccd.org



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constructed by bond funds provided by taxpayers as part of the \$6.2 billion LACCD Building Program.

“The two buildings we are celebrating today directly fulfill our mission of promoting student success in south Los Angeles and beyond,” said Scott Svonkin, president of the LACCD Board of Trustees. “Both career technical education and the arts and humanities facilities we are celebrating today will provide our students the skills and education they need to follow their dreams.”

The \$35 million School of Career & Technical Education serves a critical role in preparing the students at LASC for the jobs and careers in the Los Angeles economy. The two-story, 53,000 square foot building serves the college’s Business Department, including Career Technical Education, Computer Applications and Office Technology, Computer Science, and Information Technology. The building includes computer labs, environmental labs, a conference room, a multi-purpose room and faculty offices.

“We can all be proud of this campus,” said Congresswoman Maxine Waters at the opening celebration. “With these additions and improvements, LASC is continuing to transform and enhance the campus experience of students and the surrounding community.”

The \$45 million upgrade to the Cox Building renovates and gives new life to one of the campus’s central buildings. The 97,000-square-foot building includes classrooms, library space, administration offices, conference rooms, computer labs, music rehearsal rooms, a

reprographics and mail room, and a data center. The building also includes a completely refurbished 450-seat theater.

“When I look at the buildings behind me, I do not see bricks and mortar, I see opportunities,” said Dr. Linda Rose, president of LASC. “Opportunities that are available to our students that will help them achieve their academic, professional, and personal goals. Opportunities that will allow them to push past their struggles and their challenges. Opportunities that will help them earn a degree or a certificate so they can return to this community, or a community of their choice as socially responsible leaders and make a powerful impact for many years to come.”

Others also attending the campus celebration were California state senator Holly Mitchell, LAUSD Trustee Dr. George McKenna,



LACCD President Scott Svonkin addressing audience during the SoCTE Building ribbon cutting

California member of the Assembly Mike Gipson, LACCD Trustee Nancy Pearlman, Kish Rajan of Governor Jerry Brown’s business development office, Dr. Sandra Cox of the Coalition of Mental Health Professionals, faculty members, and community activists.

Upcoming Program Outreach Events

Date	Time	Event	Location
5/7/2015	9am-12pm	Job/Career & Resource Expo	Los Angeles Trade Tech 400 W. Washington Blvd Los Angeles, CA 90015
5/12/2015	12:30pm	Kinesiology Building Ribbon Cutting	Los Angeles City College
5/14/2015	8am - 2pm	Construction Career Awareness Day	Los Angeles Trade Tech 400 W. Washington Blvd Los Angeles, CA 90015
5/21/2015	4:30-7pm	90th Anniversary LATTTC Historical Exhibit	Magnolia Hall Atrium 400 W. Washington Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90015
5/22/2015	11am-3pm	Build-LACCD Resource Fair	Boyle Heights Technology Center 1600 E. 4th St. Los Angeles, CA 90033