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## California Community Colleges Welcomes Sheneui Weber as New Vice Chancellor for Workforce and Economic Development

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Sheneui Weber, former chief operating officer for advancement and economic development for the Long Beach Community College District, has been appointed vice chancellor of workforce and economic development for the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office.

"Weber brings a wealth of experience, talent and expertise in workforce development and undoubtedly will be influential in our continued pursuit of achieving the goals outlined in the <u>Vision for Success</u>," said Chancellor Eloy Ortiz Oakley. "I am happy to welcome her to our Chancellor's Office team."

Weber will oversee the Chancellor's Office <u>Strong Workforce</u> initiative, a career technical education program designed to boost social mobility and provide regional economies with skilled workers. Weber will guide the initiative started by Executive Vice Chancellor Van Ton-Quinlivan, who is resigning effective Feb. 1.



"We are pleased that Weber will become the new vice chancellor for Workforce and Economic Development," said Jim Mayer, president and CEO of California Forward. "We've worked with Weber through the California Economic Summit and find her to be a bright, forward looking leader who will help refine and expand programs designed to better prepare workers for the demands of our fast changing California economy."

"Weber is supremely visionary and a thoughtful team-player who has repeatedly elevated conversations about workforce and economic development across the country," said Jen Worth, senior vice president of Workforce and Economic Development with the American Association of Community Colleges. "From rural entrepreneurship to industry-driven solutions in multi-stakeholder groups, she has demonstrated that she continuously strives for streamlined and relevant solutions."

During Weber's tenure with the Long Beach Community College District, she was responsible for the district's economic and workforce development programs, strategy, operations and building public-private partnerships. She launched the Innovation Fund SoCal in partnership with the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation, the College's first Entrepreneur-in-Residence program and the Goldman Sachs 10,000 Small Businesses program funded by the Goldman Sachs Foundation, among others.

Prior to Long Beach Community College District, Weber worked at California State University, Long Beach where she developed a unique training consortium of aerospace companies, known as Software Engineering Forum for Training, which provided tailored training for process improvement and management practices for software engineers.

Weber earned a master's degree in telecommunication and film from San Diego State University and a bachelor's degree in business administration from Pacific Union College.

The California Community Colleges is the largest system of higher education in the nation, composed of 73 districts and 115 colleges serving 2.1 million students per year. California community colleges provide career education and workforce training; guaranteed transfer to four-year universities; degree and certificate pathways; and basic skills education in English and math. As the state's engine for social and economic mobility, the California Community Colleges supports the <u>Vision for Success</u>, a strategic plan designed to improve student success outcomes, increase transfer rates and eliminate achievement gaps. For more information, please visit the <u>California Community Colleges website</u> or follow us on <u>Facebook</u> and <u>Twitter</u>.

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