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for Long Beach City College Board of Trustees

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Doug Otto Announces Innovative Ideas for Long Beach City College
Expanding the Long Beach College Promise is Otto's First Priority

(Long Beach) – Long Beach City College (LBCC) Board of Trustees President Doug Otto today released the following statement on innovative ideas to move LBCC forward.

“Over the next several months, I will be announcing a series of innovative ideas to move LBCC forward in the 21st Century. We have accomplished much in the past 12 years to make LBCC one of the best community colleges in California. Now is the time to capitalize on our accomplishments and focus on continual improvement. We will need data-driven, innovative thinking to provide the programming and solutions our current students and future students need.

“The first innovative idea – and my top priority as President of the Board of Trustees – is to expand the Long Beach College Promise. This nationally-recognized program provides college opportunities to Long Beach Unified School District (LBUSD) students by creating a compact with them. If they meet their academic goals and stay out of trouble, they are eligible for support in their college career.

“Part of the expansion of the Long Beach College Promise is already underway. 12,000 LBUSD students have already benefited from the program with one semester at LBCC, tuition free, and now, qualified students will receive one full year at LBCC tuition free.”

“Additionally, we have implemented the Promise Pathways Program to help these students graduate in a reasonable time frame. In the first year of the program, there was a 304% increase in transfer-level math course completion and a 370% increase in transfer-level English course completion. We need to expand the Promise Pathways Program to include more students benefiting from the Long Beach College Promise.

“Finally, we need to work with our partners at Cal State Long Beach, LBUSD, and the City of Long Beach, to improve the successful participation of the Long Beach College Promise. No middle school or high school student in Long Beach, Signal Hill, or Avalon should be left behind. We need to better address academic achievement and behavioral issues so that every student can succeed and take part in a college education. That is the legacy we must leave for the next generation, and I am fully committed to this ambitious goal.”



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Doug Otto is an attorney, community leader, and law professor. Serving on the Long Beach City College Board of Trustees since 2004, Doug has developed and implemented many successful programs for the college. His leadership during tough budget times allowed LBCC to come out of the Great Recession as one of the best community colleges in California. Representing the 4th Trustee District, he lives on the East Side with his wife, Freda.

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