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### **District Delays Permanent Chancellor Search**

Martinez, CA– At a special meeting held on April 9, 2020, The Contra Costa Community College District (District) Governing Board unanimously approved delaying the search for a permanent chancellor until the fall 2020 semester. The Governing Board cited the impact of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) and the transition to remote operations of instruction and student services as reasons for the delay.

“This was a very difficult decision to make, but we feel it is in the best interest of our students and the District that we pause this search and continue to focus on the remote delivery of instruction and student services,” said Governing Board President Rebecca Barrett. “The selection of the permanent chancellor is one of the most important responsibilities of the Governing Board, and given our current environment of shelter-in-place and social distancing, we did not feel we could complete the selection process in a manner that would be acceptable for the District and our community.”

With the assistance of Collaborative Brain Trust and Dr. Brice Harris, applicants were contacted and agreed to remain in the selection pool. The revised timeline will begin the interviewing and selection process in September 2020, with a start date for the selected candidate of January 4, 2021.

“The Governing Board is comfortable making this decision because of the District’s steady leadership during the COVID-19 crisis,” continued President Barrett. “We want to thank Interim Chancellor Huff for maintaining our organizational stability through this tough time.”

The Governing Board appointed Eugene Huff as Interim Chancellor on January 22, 2020, with a contract ending December 31, 2020, or until a permanent Chancellor is selected.

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*The Contra Costa Community College District (CCCCD) is one of the largest multi-college community college districts in California. The CCCCCD serves a population of 1,019,640 people, and its boundaries encompass all but 48 of the 734-square-mile land area of Contra Costa County. The District is home to Contra Costa College in San Pablo, Diablo Valley College in Pleasant Hill, Los Medanos College in Pittsburg, as well as educational centers in Brentwood and San Ramon. The District headquarters is located in downtown Martinez.*

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