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California Community Colleges Chancellor Eloy Ortiz Oakley Issues Statement on Thousand Oaks Shooting

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — California Community Colleges Chancellor [Eloy Ortiz Oakley](#) issued the following statement regarding last night’s Thousand Oaks shooting.

“Our deepest sympathies and condolences go out to the victims, families and all others affected by last night’s shooting in Thousand Oaks. We offer thanks to the first responders who worked to save lives, and our hearts go out to the family of Ventura County Sheriff’s Sgt. Ron Helus. The Chancellor’s Office will offer all possible assistance to Ventura County Community College District as the community works to recover from this senseless violence aimed at innocent students.”

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 [Vision for Success](#), a strategic plan designed to improve student success outcomes, increase transfer rates and eliminate achievement gaps. For more information, please visit the [California Community Colleges website](#) or follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

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