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California Community Colleges Incoming Chancellor Eloy Ortiz Oakley's Statement on Gov. Brown's Veto of the Dream Resource Liaison Bill

SACRAMENTO, Calif. – California Community Colleges incoming Chancellor <u>Eloy Ortiz Oakley</u> issued the following statement on Gov. Jerry Brown's veto of AB 2009 (Lopez) that requires community colleges to establish on-campus Dream Resource Liaisons for the purposes of providing educational support services applicable to undocumented students:

"We wholeheartedly agree with Gov. Brown that Dreamers must be fully supported in accessing rights and opportunities available to them. We will work with our 113 colleges to build on the activities already underway in our system to assist these students and help them succeed."

Oakley will begin his duties as the new system chancellor on Dec. 19, 2016 and replaces Chancellor Brice W. Harris, who retired in April after leading the community college system for nearly four years. Erik E. Skinner will continue to serve as interim chancellor until Oakley takes office.

The California Community Colleges is the largest system of higher education in the nation composed of 72 districts and 113 colleges serving 2.1 million students per year. Community colleges supply workforce training, basic skills education and prepare students for transfer to four-year institutions. The Chancellor's Office provides leadership, advocacy and support under the direction of the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges. For more information about the community colleges, please visit https://www.facebook.com/CACommColleges, or https://twitter.com/CalCommColleges.

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