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Diablo Valley College President Peter Garcia Announces Retirement

MARTINEZ, CA – After 30 years with the Contra Costa Community College District (District), Diablo Valley College (DVC) President Peter Garcia announced his retirement, effective June 30, 2016.

Prior to the DVC presidency, Garcia served for eight years as the president of Los Medanos College (LMC). He has also served as Vice President of Academic and Student Affairs, Dean of Economic Development, Dean of Humanistic Studies, faculty researcher, philosophy instructor, and offensive line coach during his lengthy career with the District.

Garcia expressed his appreciation for his colleagues and experiences at both colleges. “I’m incredibly grateful for opportunities and people that both DVC and LMC brought to my life over these many years,” shared Garcia.

“Peter has made a lasting impact on thousands of students and many employees as well as the communities served by the District during his tenure,” said Chancellor Helen Benjamin. “He will surely be missed and fondly remembered as a leader who cared deeply about our students.”

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The Contra Costa Community College District (CCCCD) is one of the largest multi-college community college districts in California. The CCCCDD 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.