



## Leadership Transition in Human Resources

July 6, 2023

Dear Colleagues,

As many of you know, **Aimee Gallagher**, Vice Chancellor, Human Resources, will be leaving the District to serve as the Associate Vice Chancellor of Human Resources at the San Diego Community College District. Aimee's last day is Thursday, July 20, 2023. Aimee has admirably served as the Vice Chancellor of Human Resources for the past two years bringing a wealth of experience and a fresh perspective. Most notably she helped lead the District to carefully transition back to campus following the pandemic, navigating many difficult legal and safety challenges. She will be missed.

To ensure continuity of services and support in Human Resources during this critically important transition, a long-standing retired Human Resources professional, **Linda Beam**, will serve as the Interim Vice Chancellor, Human Resources for the next five months.

Linda has 30 years of Human Resources leadership experience in public education. In particular, she has served as a Chief Human Resource Officer at a number of community colleges and state universities. She is highly regarded throughout the state and has been frequently relied upon to provide support to institutions during leadership transitions in Human Resources, including Hartnell Community College, Palomar Community College, Pasadena City College, and California State University Monterey Bay.

Linda has thorough knowledge of current human resource trends and applicability of recent legislation/court decisions. She has a proven track record for effectively managing employees, budgets, and facilities. She has extensive leadership and involvement with diversity, equity, inclusion and related initiatives/regulations, as well as experience in planning/coordinating employee training programs, workshops and activities. Linda is

also knowledgeable of collective bargaining agreement administration and strives to maintain cooperative relationships with internal and external constituents.

I am confident Linda will provide important leadership support to ensure continuity in operations during this important transition. A search for the permanent Vice Chancellor will begin in August. Vice Chancellor Sahar Abushaban will chair the search committee.

Linda's appointment will begin on Monday, July 17. Please join me in welcoming her to the District.

Sincerely,

***Lynn***

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