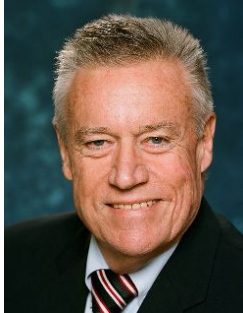


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As chancellor of the Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD), I am always looking for ways to build stronger communities through the rehabilitation, revitalization and modernization of all nine of its colleges through its Bond Construction Program. Something that's been very helpful to our efforts was joining the American College & University President's Climate Commitment (ACUPCC), which has provided us support and guidance to continue our efforts to educate, inform and foster sustainability throughout Southern California and beyond.

As an ACUPCC partner, the LACCD has access to valuable resources from which we can gather new ideas, study new theories and learn from other's experiences, all of which can be developed and incorporated into our expanding sustainability efforts. We are not only requiring all new bond construction projects to meet or exceed the LEED™ criteria for certification, we are also undertaking a program to use renewable resources (such as solar energy systems) to eventually take our nine colleges completely "off the grid."

In addition, joining the ACUPCC raised the recognition of our program, and was a factor in becoming a partner in the Clinton Climate Initiative's efforts to reduce greenhouse gasses. Our nation's educational system must serve as role models and catalyst for positive change. As educators, we must encourage our communities to take a close look at how their actions impact our global climate. To do so we are developing a green curriculum at each college to provide our students with the skills, training and knowledge to succeed in today's green economy.

Thus, we are not only working to reduce global warming but we are preparing our students to take advantage of the economic benefits that these new opportunities will provide.

The LACCD is proud to be an ACUPCC partner and look forward to working together to achieve our goal: carbon-neutral campuses.