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### **Long Beach City College Celebrates Opening of New Kinesiology & Fitness Center at the Pacific Coast Campus**

LONG BEACH, CA – Today Long Beach City College (LBCC) Superintendent-President Eloy O. Oakley, along with Associate Vice President Meena Singhal, joined community leaders, students, faculty and board representatives in a ribbon-cutting ceremony marking the grand opening of Building CC and the new Kinesiology & Fitness Center at the Pacific Coast Campus.

The two-year construction project was funded through the Measure E Bond, approved by voters in 2008, at a cost of \$6.15 million. The undertaking consisted of renovating a 1935 art deco building, originally built as a junior high school cafeteria, and remodeling the interior to house state-of-the-art exercise equipment, fitness and cardio space, classrooms, showers and lockers.

“We continue to modernize and improve upon our programs and facilities to enhance our student’s academic experience,” said Long Beach City College Superintendent-President, Eloy O. Oakley. “Our investment in renovating Building CC at the Pacific Coast Campus is just one example of our commitment.”

Prior to the renovation, the campus fitness center was housed in the old campus library with no room for classrooms and contained only basic weights and machines.

Now over 700 students enrolled in Kinesiology will benefit from the nearly \$100,000 in brand new circuit machines, free weights and a lateral carver machine – one of only seven in the United States. “It is sturdy, wave of the future, matrix equipment,” noted LBCC kinesiology and physical education department chair, Karen Kane.

“We worked hard to maintain the historic look and character of the building while modernizing and repurposing it to create a multi-functional space on the inside,” said LBCC’s Associate Vice President, Meena Singhal

The new 7,000 square foot facility was also designed with sustainability in mind and meets Title 24 energy efficiency standards. The design includes sonatubes to allow the use of natural light in the facility and the landscaping uses drought tolerant plant materials.

The Kinesiology & Fitness Center is located at 1305 East Pacific Coast Highway, Building CC North Courtyard on the Pacific Coast Campus in Long Beach.

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