



December 2, 2020

AACC Committee on Directors and Membership Services
c/o Dr. Angel M. Royal
1 Dupont Circle NW, Ste 700
Washington, DC 20036

Dear Colleagues,

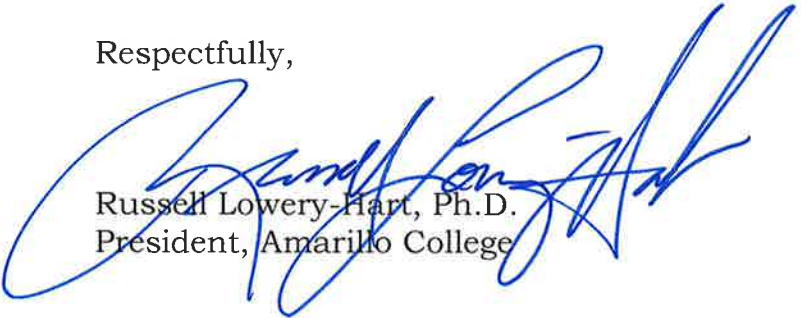
I am honored to support Michael Gutierrez, President of Sacramento City College with the Los Rios Community College District, for a seat on the AACC Board of Directors.

Dr. Gutierrez is known as an innovative, passionate, futuristic leader committed to the community college collective. He is an effective leader whose institution has a significant closure of equity gaps and an aggressive re-imagination of the schedule and instruction that guides student learning. Michael is a generous soul and an exceptional colleague.

Michael recently survived a destructive and terrifying car accident. He dedicated himself to rehab with clarity of goal, commitment to hard work, and gratefulness for the opportunity to recuperate. His recovery process demonstrates the same qualities of clarity, commitment and gratefulness that will ensure we are well served by his election to this role.

Dr. Gutierrez is an exceptional person with a powerful story and a unique ability to connect, communicate, and advocate. His courageous innovation and powerful listening and advocacy skills will ensure Michael is the ideal representative for all colleges.

Respectfully,



Russell Lowery-Hart, Ph.D.
President, Amarillo College

December 29, 2020

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Re: Nomination of Michael Gutierrez

Dear AACC Committee on Directors and Membership Services:

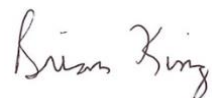
I am writing in support of the nomination of Michael Gutierrez to serve on the AACC Board of Directors. Michael is a dynamic leader committed to social justice and equity. He will be an excellent addition to the AACC Board and will bring a fresh perspective to the Board.

Michael has served as President of Sacramento City College, one of the four Los Rios Colleges, since July of 2017. For the previous nine years, Michael was Executive Vice President of the Eastfield Campus of Dallas College. Throughout his long and successful career, Michael has been an advocate for improving outcomes for all students with a focus on improving outcomes for students of color. He has served in a broad variety of roles in his career, reflecting a deep background and understanding of community colleges.

During his time at Sacramento City College, Michael has led many innovations including Sac City's participation in Achieving the Dream. Michael has played a key role in Los Rios' focus on improving outcomes for Black and Latinx students. A graduate of Princeton University and the University of Texas at Austin, Michael is a thoughtful and impactful leader. He is also incredibly resilient. He was in a very serious car accident a little more than a year ago, and his grace and endurance in facing grave injuries was an inspiration to all of his colleagues and the Sac City community.

Michael is a great team player and believes in the power of collaboration. His skills will be a tremendous asset to the AACC Board as together we navigate a post-pandemic world in the coming months and years. He recognizes that the challenges of the past year—including the murder of George Floyd, the pandemic, and the spotlight on the growing inequalities of income in this country—require a new approach to leadership in service of our students.

Sincerely,



Brian King, Chancellor

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Dear AACC Colleagues,

Please accept this letter of support for Michael Gutierrez, President of Sacramento City College to serve on the American Association of Community College's Board of Directors. He would be an exceptional addition to the board representing the state of California as well as having experience in community colleges in other parts of the country. He is a former Aspen Presidential Fellow and understands the true importance of leading with a lens on student success.

Michael Gutierrez is a genuine individual and servant leader. His years of experience and accomplishments in higher education advancing the mission of community colleges have been impressive. He served in a variety of roles in the Texas system of higher education prior to starting at Sacramento City College in 2017, including as the Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Student Success at Eastfield College in the Dallas Community College District.

Michael would be able to contribute to this important national board by speaking on behalf of all types of community colleges including small college campuses, to large college systems, and large state systems. A unique perspective that not many individuals across the country have. Best of all, Michael is a person you can count on who works hard and would be a strong contributing member to the AACC Board of Directors. He has a broad knowledge of workforce development, philanthropy, academics, student services, diverse student populations, state and national partnerships, and pathways. Please show your support for Michael Gutierrez by electing him to the AACC Board of Directors.

Sincerely,



Christina Ponce, Ph.D.
President