

May 28, 2025

California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office  
1102 Q Street  
Sacramento, CA 95811

Dear Chancellor Christian and Members of the Chancellor's Office,

On behalf of Long Beach Workforce Innovation Network (LBWIN), I am pleased to offer our strong support for Long Beach City College's proposal to establish a Baccalaureate Degree in Library & Information Science.

LBWIN is committed to advancing equitable workforce development strategies that meet the needs of our region's evolving labor market. The proposed program at LBCC aligns seamlessly with this mission by addressing a critical gap in accessible, affordable bachelor's degree pathways that lead directly to in-demand careers in the public, educational, and information services sectors.

The Library & Information Science field is undergoing rapid transformation, driven by digital access, community engagement, and knowledge management. This degree will prepare a diverse pipeline of professionals equipped with the skills necessary to serve our region's libraries, schools, archives, and community information centers; institutions that are foundational to equity, literacy, and lifelong learning.

LBWIN recognizes the value this program brings to our local economy and the broader workforce ecosystem. We commend Long Beach City College for its continued leadership in developing programs that expand opportunity and serve the public good.

We offer our full support and respectfully urge the Chancellor's Office to approve this proposal.

Sincerely,



Jaime L. Gutierrez  
LBWIN Executive Director

