

<u>Ventura County Community College District</u> Chancellor's Office

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## Laura Lizaola Barroso Selected as Vice Chancellor of Human Resources

(CAMARILLO, Calif.) August 6, 2020 – Ventura County Community College District (VCCCD) Chancellor Greg Gillespie has announced the appointment of Laura Lizaola Barroso as Vice Chancellor of Human Resources. Barroso has more than 28 years of experience in California within higher education and public agency. Since joining VCCCD in 2018, she has served as the Director of Human Resources Operations and as Associate Vice Chancellor of Human Resources.

In her new role, Barroso will provide collaborative senior administrative leadership across all functional areas within the District Office and Moorpark, Oxnard and Ventura colleges. She will have direct oversight of District recruitment, human resources operations, benefits, employee professional development and labor negotiations.

Prior to her tenure with VCCCD, Barroso held the position of Human Resources Manager with the County of Ventura from 2013-2018; and Personnel Services and Training Manager; Career Services Supervisor; and Career Services Specialist from 1992–2013. Barroso, who earned an associate degree from Oxnard College, earned a bachelor's degree in sociology from California State University, Northridge and master's degree in psychology from Antioch University in Santa Barbara. She also holds a Society of Human Resources Management Senior Certified Professional credential and an International Public Management Association for Human Resources Senior Certified Professional credential.

"I am pleased that Laura Barroso has accepted the position of Vice Chancellor of Human Resources for the Ventura County Community College District," said Chancellor Gillespie. "In addition to her professional qualifications and credentials, she demonstrates a personal commitment to developing strategic relationships and effecting collaboration with internal and external business partners and colleagues. She will be a strong leader in support of the District's mission in serving students and supporting the District and its employees."

"I am so pleased that Ms. Barroso, an Oxnard College graduate and resident of Oxnard, will lead the organization's human resources department. She serves as a role model and demonstrates a keen ability in providing dynamic leadership as the District continues to prepare for uncertain times ahead," said Board of Trustees Chair Bernardo M. Perez.

Barroso is a lifelong resident of Ventura County. She believes the organization's greatest assets are the dedicated faculty and classified professionals. By building strong relationships and developing a culture where collaboration and mutual respect are fostered and continuous improvement is embraced, the District will better serve employees, students and the community.

"I look forward to continuing my work with the Ventura County Community College District and working with our stakeholders to navigate through the challenges ahead with compassion, mutual respect and a shared vision to serve students, employees and our community," Barroso said.

## About Ventura County Community College District

The Ventura County Community College District is a member of the 116-campus California Community College system and serves more than 31,000 students annually. The District's three colleges--Moorpark, Oxnard and Ventura--offer programs in general education for degrees and certificates, transfer to four-year colleges and universities, career technical education and provide opportunities to engage in co-curricular campus activities. For more information, visit <u>www.vcccd.edu</u>.

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