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**GLORIA STEINEM AND**

**SAMANTHA RAMIREZ-HERRERA TO SPEAK AT LOS ANGELES CITY COLLEGE**

**“A Conversation on DACA” will focus on support for DACA recipients**

LOS ANGELES – January 30, 2018 - Los Angeles City College is honored to present “A Conversation on DACA” featuring noted feminist and activist Gloria Steinem and entrepreneur and visionary Samantha Ramirez-Herrera. The event will be held on Monday, February 5, 2018 from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. in the David Alpert Lecture Hall, Room 140, in the Herb Alpert Music Center on the LACC campus.

“A Conversation on DACA” will explore the repercussions of the recent decision to rescind the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program. Initiated under President Barack Obama in 2012, DACA protects immigrants who arrived in the United States in their youth from deportation and allows certain undocumented immigrants to apply for deferred action and be eligible for work permits. Since President Trump decided to phase out the program, the futures of approximately 800,000 DACA recipients, often referred to as “Dreamers,” have been in limbo.

“We are thrilled to offer this rare opportunity to have the mother of feminism and a world renown expert in multicultural communication for the Latin and Hispanic communities together to participate in a discussion around one of the most important issues affecting our campus, our community and our country,” said Dr. Mary Gallagher, President, Los Angeles City College. “This is a fantastic event for our students and for all Angelenos.”

The event is free and open to the public. Parking will be available in Lot 4 on the LACC Campus. If attending, please **R.S.V.P by Friday, February 2 to** [**siguaj@lacitycollege.edu**](mailto:siguaj@lacitycollege.edu) **or 323.953.4011.**

**About Gloria Steinem**

Gloria Steinem is a writer, lecturer, editor, feminist activist and leading media spokeswoman on issues of equality. In 1972, she co-founded Ms. magazine, and remained one of its editors for fifteen years. Previously, she helped to found New York Magazine, where she was a political columnist and wrote feature articles. Steinem’s books include the bestsellers “Revolution from Within: A Book of Self-Esteem,” “Outrageous Acts and Everyday Rebellions,” “Moving Beyond Words,” and “Marilyn: Norma Jean” on the life of Marilyn Monroe.

Her accomplishments as a writer and social change leader have been recognized nationally and globally. In November, 2013, President Barack Obama awarded Gloria Steinem the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation’s highest civilian honor.

**About Samantha Ramirez-Herrera**

Samantha Ramirez-Herrera "Samofftharecord" is CEO & Founder of Offtharecord.com, a creative content agency and digital magazine run by people of color with a focus on uplifting marginalized voices. She is also the founder of the Kick Ass Girl Pow Wow, a digital platform that celebrates and highlights girls and women who live OUTLOUD. Moreover, Ramirez-Herrera is an expert in multicultural communication for Latin and Hispanic audiences and recently launched a Hispanic-inspired version of Offtharecord called, Mas OTR, which celebrates Hispanic creatives and communities, but also focuses on relevant social issues.

She has created content and told stories for some of the nation’s biggest businesses and organizations such as Johns Hopkins Medicine; The Joseph and Evelyn Lowery Institute for Justice & Human Rights; Arndrea King; Ms.Foundation; Afropunk; NBC; and A3C Festival. In addition, she is a filmmaker, creative director, writer, mother, proud Mexico-born DREAMer, and a civil rights activist in her own right. She has recently been featured on Forbes and MSNBC's Hardball with Chris Matthews in regard to protections for DREAMers.

**About Los Angeles City College**

Established in 1929, Los Angeles City College is the oldest of the Los Angeles Community Colleges. Located in the heart of Hollywood, LACC provides a dynamic innovative learning environment offering more than 100 vocational and professional programs including degrees, transfer programs and certificates to more than 18,000 students. In the past decade, a total of 6,651 students have transferred to four-year colleges and universities, including 4,040 students attending Cal State universities and 1,086 students transferring to UC campuses. Los Angeles City College is home to one of the most vibrant and diverse campuses in the country. The campus provides a wide range of professional and vocational programs at a fraction of the cost of state and private colleges. Ranked in the top three Best Southern California Community Colleges by *USA Today* *News*, LACC provides students and adult learners vital pathways to more advanced education and enhanced employment. In 2019, LACC will celebrate its 90th anniversary.

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