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Dear City of Glendale,

Glendale Community College (GCC) is focused on the success of our students and this has increasingly required a focus on student basic needs and core wrap around supports. We are excited to announce that we will launch the GCC Go Pass program on August 29th, for the start of the Fall 2022 semester. This program will bring valuable access to public transportation to students in need as well as promote sustainable options in line with our core values. GCC is in the process of completing the contracting documents with LA Metro to participate in this pilot program, but is eager to have the Glendale Beeline included in the Go Pass Program to more fully support our students' needs.

The GCC Go Pass program is part of the District's comprehensive basic needs strategy to ensure that all members of our community are able to afford the costs associated with attending college. The cost of transportation is a barrier for many community members seeking to pursue a community college education. More than two-thirds of all students attending GCC are low income and transportation costs represent a major barrier to accessing higher education. This is especially true given record rates of inflation, which have impacted the cost of gasoline and other basic needs. In fact, 23% of students receiving emergency grants indicated that they primarily use public transportation. Now is the time to support those most impacted by economic conditions with access to high quality public transportation.

The GCC Go Pass program also helps fulfill our local and state commitment to a more sustainable future. In 2010 the City of Glendale adopted a resolution to address sustainability and climate change and continued this commitment in its resolution to support the Mayors National Climate Action. The Beeline is an essential component of the City's sustainability efforts and the GCC Go Pass will help build a generation of riders for years to come.

Given the locations of the District's three campuses, we ask that Glendale Beeline to join the pilot program. Glendale Beeline's involvement in the program will ensure that all students from participating campuses have access to buses operated by LA Metro, Glendale Beeline, and the 12 other participating municipal transit systems. The GCC Go Pass program will allow all students to access public transportation at no cost to them during any semester for which they are enrolled. With the addition of the Beeline, we believe this program can serve as a national exemplar for multi-municipality and public sector cooperation that we can celebrate together.

Thank you for your consideration, and please feel free to reach out if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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