Dear Community,

Houston Community College plays a vital role for 70,000 plus students and families, as well as countless businesses and institutions across our community. We are proud of the place we hold in the community and the stature we maintain across the country as one of the largest and most respected community colleges.

However, we also recognize that we must continue to work and to evolve in order to live up to the significant expectations many across our community have for our College. Your expectations are not only appropriate, they are in alignment with where we believe the College needs to be as well.

As public servants elected to protect the Houston Community College System, we recognize that Houston requires an even stronger, more responsive HCC to help support the rapidly growing, constantly changing demands of our city. We are clear that we must continue to produce strong student outcomes to meet the ever-expanding needs of our workforce. While we continue to achieve at the highest levels across Houston, Texas and the country, we are confident our best days remain ahead.

That is why we are so pleased to welcome Cesar Maldonado, Ph.D., P.E., PMP, as our new Chancellor. His business acumen, academic pedigree and leadership skills are an ideal match for the institution.

Dr. Maldonado successfully transitioned his 30 plus years of private industry management expertise into public higher education administration, where he has served as President of Texas State Technical College (TSTC) in Harlingen since 2008.

Dr. Maldonado holds Bachelor and Masters of Science degrees in Chemical Engineering from Texas A&M University, a Doctorate in Systems and Engineering Management from Texas Tech University, and is an alumnus of the UC Berkeley Haas School of Business. He is an accomplished engineer, civic and business leader, and higher education administrator. Dr. Maldonado brings a strong awareness of college and workforce readiness and is active in working with the state legislature on education initiatives regarding school finance and education in science, technology, engineering and math.

We are proud to welcome Dr. Maldonado and look forward to his leadership as we navigate and address many important opportunities that will help to define the HCC of the future. Some of the early issues we will face include determining new funding sources and innovative partnerships, as well as to determine the best, most appropriate allocation of the funds generated from the bond passage, so that we can build the most efficient and effective college of tomorrow. But, none will be as important as his leadership to, and continued support for, our faculty and the students we are entrusted to educate and prepare.

We, the Trustees of Houston Community College, are excited to move the college forward with Dr. Maldonado. We pledge to support his strong, capable leadership now and in the years to come. Please join us in welcoming not only our new Chancellor, his wife and family, but also a new day at HCC.

In service,

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