Dear Colleagues,

I regret to inform you that Board of Governors member Marty Cortez has announced her resignation from the Board, effective immediately. She has resigned for personal reasons.

In comments about her resignation, she stated, “I have full confidence that Chancellor Lambert has and will, with the support of the Board and dedicated college employees, continue to move the College forward in providing educational opportunity for thousands of individuals as well as contributing to the business and economic growth of the community. It has been an honor to have served as a Pima Community College Board member over the years.”

First elected in 1994, Ms. Cortez served three complete terms on the PCC Board before being re-elected to her most recent term beginning in 2013. Her current term was to expire December 31, 2018.

As many of you know, Ms. Cortez is a retired school principal who worked for Tucson Unified, Nogales (Arizona), Amphitheater, and Sunnyside school districts and was a former advisor for Northern Arizona University academic programs. In addition to boards of numerous civic organizations, she is a past president of the University of Arizona Hispanic Alumni Club and still serves on the Board as the coordinator of the University of Arizona Hispanic Alumni Scholarship Students Leadership and Retention Program. Among her honors, Ms. Cortez was named Woman of the Year in 1999 by the Hispanic Professional Action Committee, received a Woman of the Year award from the YWCA, and has been an honoree of Inside Tucson Business "Women of Influence."

I am very grateful for Marty’s long years of service, and her remarkable commitment to Pima Community College. Her background as an educator and community advocate has served students and the College well.

Arizona law requires the appointment of a successor be made by Dr. Linda Arzoumanian, the Pima County Superintendent of Schools. Any questions regarding the replacement process should be directed to the Superintendent’s office at 520-724-8451.

Please join me expressing our gratitude to Marty for her contributions to the College.

Lee D. Lambert
Chancellor