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LCC TRUSTEE CANJA NAMED BOARD CHAIR *Former Chair Smith to remain on Board as Vice Chair*

LANSING – On June 4, 2009, the Lansing Community College Board of Trustees named LCC Board Vice Chair Deborah Canja to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Chair Robin Smith. Smith resigned her position citing increasing job and family responsibilities. Smith will remain on the Board as Vice Chair.

"I'm pleased and honored to assume this position," said Canja. "Lansing Community College plays a vital role in the economic development of our community. I look forward to working with my fellow Board members, President Knight and our dedicated faculty and staff as we as we work to make higher education and effective job training available to as many students and area residents as possible."

Canja is a Lansing native and graduated from Lansing Eastern High School. A graduate of UCLA and Loyola Law School, she served for 12 years as a Michigan Assistant Attorney General, three years as a commercial realtor and as President of the Michigan Regional Chapter of Commercial Real Estate Women, and is now the Managing Attorney of the Office of General Counsel in the Michigan Office of Financial and Insurance Regulation. She also led two non-profit organizations serving parents of children with special needs and disabilities and continues to serve as the CEO of Bridges4Kids, a non-profit organization providing information for families and teachers seeking help for children. Canja was elected to office in November, 2007.

About Lansing Community College

Lansing Community College is Michigan's third largest community college with more than 32,000 students attending each year. The College has more than 240 degree and certificate programs. LCC offers courses in *general education* for those interested in transferring to a four-year institution, *career and workforce development*, *developmental education* and *personal enrichment*. To meet the professional development and training needs of regional employees, the college offers customized programs for credit, non-credit and continuing education. The University Center at LCC offers students the opportunity to earn bachelor's and master's degrees from six partner universities on the downtown LCC campus. For more information, visit www.lcc.edu.

