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**To:** Harold Washington College Community  
**From:** Daniel López, Jr., Ph.D., President  
**Date:** January 21, 2020  
**Re:** Greetings

Today after many years, I am delighted to return to Harold Washington College as your President. Harold Washington College opened its doors to me as an undocumented, first generation, ESL student, launching my academic and professional career. On this day, I join a community of educators and advocates ready to serve students like me.

In anticipation of today, I have spent the last few months gathering information and reading reports about the college. Starting this week, I will meet with many of you to learn more about the college and your specific areas. I will also begin a listening tour and hold regular office hours for students, faculty and staff. In addition, I will meet with community, business and higher education leaders to learn how we can strengthen our partnerships and programs. My immediate task is to focus on student recruitment and retention. Together we will build on the great work that exists here, as well as develop strategic initiatives to address our current challenges and plan for our future.

I am honored that Chancellor Salgado and the Board of Trustees have appointed me to lead this student-centered institution forward. I am grateful to the search committee for their work, and the faculty and staff at the college and within the District Office that have assisted me with my transition. Additionally, I would like to thank Interim President, Dr. Peggy Korellis for her leadership.

I am thrilled to be back at Harold Washington College and ready to get started and serve our amazing students. I look forward to getting to know and work with all of you in support of student success. Best wishes for a productive spring semester.

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