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YCCD Area 7 Trustee Provisional Appointment

MODESTO, CA – With the resignation of Area 7 Trustee, Jon Rodriguez, from the Yosemite Community College District (YCCD) Board of Trustees, effective December 31, 2017, the Board of Trustees determined to fill the vacancy by provisional appointment. In accordance with Education Code Section 5091, Tom Hallinan was provisionally appointed to the YCCD Board on February 14, 2018. Unless a petition is filed containing a sufficient number of signatures with the Stanislaus County Office of Education within thirty (30) days of the provisional appointment, it shall become effective.

Should the provisional appointment become effective, Mr. Hallinan may serve until the results of the next regularly scheduled election for governing board members in November 2018 are finalized. The Area 7 position would then be up for election in November 2018 to fill the vacancy for the remaining two years of the unexpired term. The regular election cycle for the Area 7 position would resume in November 2020 when interested candidates may run for a full four-year term.

Mr. Hallinan is an accomplished local attorney who has served on both local and statewide boards and commissions. In addition to serving on the YCCD Board from 1996-2016, he has dedicated time to numerous other local organizations including Big Brothers/Big Sisters; Stanislaus Assessment Appeals Board; Chambers of Commerce; Adult Day Care Planning Council of Stanislaus County; Latino Community Roundtable; County Fair Board; Senior Opportunity Service Programs; and the Stanislaus Substance Abuse Advisory Board. Additionally, Hallinan currently serves as the Chair of the California Law Revision Commission and is a member of the Gaming Policy Advisory Committee (GPAC) to the California Gambling Control Commission. The 2nd of 3 generations to have attended Modesto Junior College, Hallinan went on to receive a Bachelor's Degree in Philosophy at California State University, Fresno, and a Juris Doctorate at Lincoln Law School.

Trustee Chair Darin Gharat stated, “We are fortunate to have someone of Mr. Hallinan’s vast experience and expertise join the Board. His demonstrated commitment to student success and the Mission of the YCCD is admired and welcomed as we endeavor to meet our goals and continue to serve our communities.”

The Board is responsible for the performance of the Yosemite Community College District, which serves area students and provides vital educational services to the communities in and around Modesto Junior College and Columbia College. Board of Trustees Regular Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month

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