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Newly Elected YCCD Board Members Sworn into Office; Leslie Beggs, Abe Rojas Elected Board Chair and Vice Chair

MODESTO, CA - Three recently elected members of the Yosemite Community College District Board of Trustees were sworn into office Wednesday afternoon. Trustees also elected Leslie Beggs to be Board Chair and Abe Rojas to be Board Vice Chair.

Stanislaus County Superior Court Judge Ruben A. Villalobos delivered the oath of office to three trustees – Nancy Hinton (Area 2), Anne DeMartini (Area 4) and Antonio Aguilar (Area 7). All were elected on November 7.

For DeMartini, it is her fifth term on the YCCD Board; she was first elected in 2002. Hinton and Aguilar begin their first terms. Aguilar's term is for two years since he is filling out the remaining time on Jon Rodriguez's term. Rodriguez was elected in 2016, but resigned a year later.

A fourth new Board member, Margie Bulkin in Area 1, will be sworn in at the January 9, 2019, Board meeting. She is currently the Superintendent of Schools in Tuolumne County, but cannot join the YCCD Board until after she retires January 7.

Beggs (Area 6) was first elected to the Board in 2016. Rojas (Area 3) joined the YCCD Board in 1996.

The Board also made appointments to the following committees or foundations:

- Board Finance Committee: Darin Gharat (Area 5), Abe Rojas and Antonio Aguilar
- Board Policy Committee: Leslie Beggs, Anne DeMartini and Nancy Hinton
- Modesto Junior College Foundation: Leslie Beggs
- Great Valley Museum Foundation: Nancy Hinton

The seven YCCD trustees serve in a geographically and ethnically diverse region of more than 625,000 residents. The District spans more than 4,500 square miles, primarily in Stanislaus and Tuolumne counties, but also including portions of Calaveras, Merced, San Joaquin and Santa Clara counties. It includes two campuses in Modesto and one in Sonora that together serve about 25,000 students.

Board meetings will continue to be held on the second Wednesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. Meeting agendas can be found online at www.yosemite.edu.

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Photos Attached

Nancy Hinton (Area 2), Anne DeMartini (Area 4); Antonio Aguilar (Area 7); Leslie Beggs (Area 6, Board Chair); Abe Rojas (Area 3, Vice Chair).