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### **Update on Search for MJC Interim President**

MODESTO, CA. – Henry Yong, Chancellor of the Yosemite Community College District, provided this update on the search for the interim president of Modesto Junior College:

Several internal candidates have formally applied to become MJC's interim president. "I very much appreciate their interest and thank them for taking the time to apply," Yong said. A selection committee is being formed to review the applications and interview the applicants. The interviews are scheduled for Friday, Jan. 20.

Once the interim president has been selected, preparations for the search for the permanent MJC president could commence by late February. The search and selection committee will include staff, faculty, administrative and student representatives, as well as a community member. The committee will review, evaluate and interview the first-level candidates.

Yong said his goal is to have a new leader in place well before the start of the next school year in July. "In the meantime," he said. "I will continue to work each day with the leadership teams at MJC to ensure that the mission of the college continues, and that the educational needs of students remain our top priority."

"Finally, let me assure everyone – students, staff and alumni as well as local community and business leaders – that I have heard and respect the passion and the pride that so many people feel for MJC, as well as the concerns expressed about its long-term leadership. I am confident that we will hire a talented and visionary leader who will build upon MJC's century-long commitment to educate, train and prepare students to be productive members of our region, as well as partner and nurture the critical relationships between MJC and the local business community."

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