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## **VCCCD Installs New Board Trustees and Elects Board Leadership**

*Stan Mantooth and Bernardo M. Perez to serve as VCCCD Trustees*

Camarillo, Calif. (December 17, 2020)—Stan Mantooth was installed as a Ventura County Community College District (VCCCD) trustee at the District’s Annual Organizational Meeting on Dec. 15. Trustee Bernardo M. Perez, who has represented Area 4 since 2010, was installed for another four-year term. The board of trustees also elected Joanna Chancer as chair, Dianne B. McKay as vice chair and VCCCD Chancellor Greg Gillespie as secretary.

Mantooth and Perez will work with Chair Chancer, Vice Chair McKay and Trustee Gabriel Torres in adopting policies that oversee all activities relating to the business of the District and its three colleges. Student trustee Ashley Gonzales will continue to advocate on behalf of VCCCD students. The five-member board of trustees is elected in even-numbered years to four-year terms by Ventura County voters. The student trustee is elected annually through a district-wide student election.

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of the California County Superintendents Educational Services Association, Association of California School Administrators and California Association of School Business Officials. He has also served on a variety of local committees and commissions, including First 5 Ventura County, Ventura County P-20 Regional Council, Ventura County Community Foundation and Ventura County School Boards Association.

Perez represents Area 4, which encompasses Simi Valley, Moorpark, Santa Susana Knolls, Box Canyon, Chatsworth Peak, Home Acres, Sinaloa Lake and Tierra Rejada Valley. He served as chair in 2012, 2016 and 2020 and as vice chair in 2015.

Prior to joining the board, Perez represented his community on the Moorpark City Council and served as mayor. Perez worked as the project manager for the Cabrillo Economic Development Corporation in Ventura and was employed with the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power for more than 30 years.

Perez has served his community through a number of nonprofit organizations, including the Ventura County Civic Alliance, Clinicas del Camino Real, United Way of Ventura County, Cabrillo Economic Development Corporation and El Concilio del Condado de Ventura. He served on the Children's Health Initiative Steering Committee, HOME Housing Task Force, Justice and Peace Commission, and worked with the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, Ventura County Living Wage Coalition (Co-Chair) and the 2010 Ventura County Housing Conference Planning Committee.

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