## **Press Release**

YOSEMITE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT Modesto Junior College & Columbia College

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## **YCCD Trustee Vacancy – Trustee Area 7**

MODESTO, CA – The Yosemite Community College District (YCCD) Board of Trustees is soliciting applications to serve as an appointed member of the Board of Trustees until the next regularly scheduled election for governing board members in November 2018. It should be noted the position was filled by election in November 2016; thus, an appointee to this position would serve only until the results of the November 2018 election are finalized. Interested candidates would have to run for election in November 2018 to fill the vacancy for the remaining two years of the unexpired term. The Area 7 position would then be up for a full four-year term in the November 2020 election, resuming the regular cycle for the position.

With the resignation of the Area 7 Trustee, Jon Rodriguez, from the YCCD Board, effective December 31, 2017, the Board of Trustees has determined to fill the vacancy by provisional appointment. Unless a petition is filed with the Stanislaus County Office of Education within thirty (30) days of the provisional appointment, containing a sufficient number of signatures, the provisional appointment shall become effective.

To indicate an interest or suggest possible candidates for the position, please contact YCCD Chancellor Henry Yong. Further information and application materials are available from that office.

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Applications are due no later than 5 p.m. on Thursday, February 1, 2018. Finalists will be announced on February 8 and the Board will interview candidates and make the provisional appointment on February 12.

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.

The board is seeking candidates who have the ability and time to fulfill the responsibilities of being a member of the Board, which include:

- Participate fully in the work of the Board, which includes attending all Board meetings and key college events, studying and discussing policy issues, and participating in trustee education programs.
- Be knowledgeable about the communities served by the colleges and be willing to act on behalf and for the benefit of those communities.
- Be committed to community colleges and their missions; understand educational, social, and economic policy issues.
- Engage in balancing the needs of many diverse groups; be able to contribute to and build consensus.
- Contribute to effective Board functioning and support the authority of the Board as a whole.

Board of Trustees Regular Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month