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Provisional Appointment of Pattie Cortese
As Board Member to Fill Vacant Board Seat

SAN JOSE, CA - At a Special Board Meeting held on January 26, 2015, the Board of Trustees voted unanimously to appoint Pattie Cortese to fill the Board vacancy resulting from the resignation of Magdalena Carrasco who is now serving on the San Jose City Council.

The Board interviewed five candidates who had been recommended by the District's Community Advisory Committee that initially evaluated and interviewed fourteen applicants and nominees. The five finalists recommended by the Community Advisory Committee and interviewed by the Board included:

Pattie Cortese
Wm. Derek Grasty
Louis Barocio
Merryl Kravitz
Mariel Caballero

During the selection process, the candidates were each given a 30-minute interview. The public was also given an opportunity to make comments before the Board's final selection.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Wm. Derek Grasty, Louis Barocio, Merryl Kravitz and Mariel Caballero for the time and effort they committed in going through the interview process. All of these candidates are to be commended for the great skills and strengths they possess. We wish them all the best.

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