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## **San José-Evergreen Community College District Selects Dr. Deborah Budd as Chancellor**

*Dr. Budd begins tenure on Jan. 25, 2016*

(SAN JOSÉ, CA) – Dr. Deborah Budd has been named chancellor of the San José-Evergreen Community College District (SJECCD/District). Her appointment was announced by Wendy Ho, president of the District’s Board of Trustees. Members of the board voted unanimously to approve her appointment at a special meeting on Sunday, Nov. 22; and at a regularly scheduled Board Meeting in open session on Tuesday, Dec.8, 2015 unanimously ratified her hire and approved the contract length and salary. Budd’s contract extends to June 30, 2019 with an annual salary of \$276,000. She was selected after an extensive national search to replace Dr. Rita Cepeda, who retired from the position in July.

“We are extremely proud of the selection of Dr. Budd. Her experience and credentials combined with her dedication and enthusiasm for student success and community partnership will help SJECCD realize its vision of becoming the premier post-secondary institution for advancing opportunity, equity and social justice through educational excellence,” said Ho, who chaired the chancellor search committee consisting of representatives from classified staff, faculty, management/supervisory/confidential staff, community members and Board members.

“I am honored to serve as chancellor of the San José-Evergreen Community College District,” Budd said. “I will work with our colleges and our stakeholders to strengthen and enhance opportunities for our students and to continue and expand our colleges’ valuable partnerships with all of the communities they serve.”

Budd most recently was president of Berkeley City College (BCC), part of the Peralta Community College District (PCCD). Prior to her tenure at BCC, she was the Peralta district’s vice chancellor of educational services. She also has served as vice president of educational resources and instruction at Foothill College and as a dean at Chabot College.

An experienced educational leader, Budd’s areas of expertise include accreditation, community relations, educational facilities construction, enrollment management, fundraising, higher education finance, institutional planning and budget integration and development of student success programs. During her tenure at Berkeley City College, she led a period of significant enrollment growth as well as endeavors which produced a student equity plan, revised educational master plan, center for undocumented students and variety of fundraising initiatives. Budd also established thriving relationships with business, government and community organizations.

“For many individuals, education provides a pathway toward a better life; our focus on student success and building community and business partnerships at San José-Evergreen will continue and grow stronger as we address and strive to close the opportunity gap which exists today in higher education,” Budd noted. “Opportunity, equity and social justice are cornerstones of successful learning communities; and my goal is to ensure that the colleges always have the resources to provide seamless career and transfer pathways to all of our students.”

Budd holds a bachelor’s degree in business economics and physical education from the University of California at Santa Barbara, a master’s degree in education from Stanford University and a doctorate in educational leadership from San Francisco State University.

Her community activities in Berkeley included service on the board of directors of the Berkeley Chamber of Commerce, and she was a member of Mayor Tom Bates’s Vision 20-20 Project. She also serves on the board of the Peralta Colleges Foundation. Budd is a guest lecturer and mentor for the Educational Leadership Doctoral Program at San Francisco State University.

At the Dec. 8, 2015 meeting, the Board also unanimously elected officers for the 2016 calendar year. Incoming board president for the new year is Trustee Rudy Nasol; and board vice president is Trustee Craig Mann.”

### **About San José-Evergreen Community College District**

Located in the northeastern Santa Clara Valley, the San José-Evergreen Community College District encompasses more than 300 square miles, including part of the City of San José and all of the City of Milpitas. The District includes the areas served by Milpitas and San José Unified School Districts, together with the Eastside Union High School District. The District is comprised of two colleges, Evergreen Valley College, established in 1975, and San José City College, which is the oldest community college in Santa Clara County, established in 1921.

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