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San José – Evergreen CCD Chancellor to Retire, Interim Chancellor Named

(San Jose, Calif.) —Dr. Deborah Budd, who was named chancellor of San José – Evergreen Community College District in 2015, is scheduled to retire this summer. Budd announced recently that her last day as SJECCD chancellor will be July 17, 2018, and her retirement was approved by the SJECCD board of trustees at its April 24 meeting.

Budd oversaw numerous milestones during her time at SJECCD, including development of the San José Promise; the passage of Measure X, a \$748 million bond that was approved by voters in 2016; the opening of the San José – Evergreen Community College Extension at Milpitas, creation of the District’s Center for Economic Mobility, enhanced dual enrollment agreements with area high schools, implementation of the Guided Pathways student success framework at San José City College (SJCC) and Evergreen Valley College (EVC), and increases in both enrollment and transfer throughout the District.

During her tenure as chancellor, SJECCD also saw the accreditation of both EVC and SJCC reaffirmed, opened SparkPoint Centers on both college campuses, and expanded partnerships with other education entities, business, and industry in the Silicon Valley.

“It has been a distinct honor and pleasure to serve our students and this wonderful community,” Chancellor Budd said. “I am enormously proud of the District’s commitment to its values of Opportunity, Equity, and Social Justice, and I know the work we do transforms the lives of our students and their families will continue to move forward. Through our strong partnerships with business and industry throughout the region, we will continue to serve as the equity engine of the Silicon Valley.”

“Our students, faculty, staff, and administrators are remarkable,” Chancellor Budd added. “It has been a joy to see our incredible progress during my time at SJECCD, and I am retiring this summer with a profound sense of gratitude for having been a part of the District during such an incredible period.”

Mayra Cruz, president of the SJECCD board of trustees, noted Dr. Budd’s leadership. “I want to thank Chancellor Budd for her outstanding work and visionary leadership during her tenure as SJECCD chancellor,” Trustee Cruz said. “Chancellor Budd came to us as a leader committed to transforming our institutions, the lives of students, and our community. She has embodied the values of Opportunity, Equity, and Social Justice. The

board of trustees is grateful for her many successes and wishes her well as she embarks upon the next chapter of her life. SJECCD is now poised for success and greater growth thanks to Chancellor Budd.”

Another area where Dr. Budd has provided leadership is in succession planning, and the SJECCD board of trustees has named Dr. Byron D. Clift Breland—current San José City College president—as interim chancellor for the 2018 – 2019 academic year while it conducts a search for the District’s next chancellor.

“We are very fortunate to have a visionary and transformative leader in President Breland to serve as chancellor in an interim capacity during the 2018 – 2019 academic year,” Trustee Cruz said. “Having such a great candidate already in the District will ensure a smooth transition as we move into the next phase for SJECCD. The board is grateful for President Breland’s willingness to step into this new role and we are certain that he will build upon our recent successes and continue the upward trajectory of the District.”

Dr. Clift Breland has served as SJCC president since 2013. He has held numerous instructional and administrative positions in K-12 and higher education. His innovative leadership has positioned San Jose City College amongst the top institutions in the nation in career education and workforce preparation. He has also worked to develop partnerships in Silicon Valley that provide meaningful educational and job training experiences for the diverse student body of SJCC. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in consumer economics and a Master of Science degree in family studies from the University of Maryland, College Park, as well as a Master of Science in education and a Ph.D. in counseling psychology, both from the University of Southern California.

“I am thankful to the board of trustees for placing their confidence in me to be the next chancellor of San José – Evergreen Community College District,” said Dr. Clift Breland. “I am honored to have the opportunity to continue working alongside my colleagues in service to our students and the entire community and I am grateful for the work that has been done by the Board, Dr. Budd, and the faculty and staff to ensure that the District is well-positioned for this next chapter.”

Dr. Clift Breland’s post as SJECCD's interim chancellor is scheduled to begin July 1, 2018.

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About San José – Evergreen Community College District

Located in vibrant downtown San José in the heart of Silicon Valley, San José – Evergreen Community College District (SJECCD) encompasses more than 300 square miles, including the majority of the City of San José and all of the City of Milpitas. The District includes the areas served by San José Unified School District, Milpitas Unified School District, and East Side Union High School District. SJECCD is comprised of: Evergreen Valley College, established in 1975; San José City College, the first community college in Santa Clara County, established in 1921; the Community College Center for Economic Mobility (formerly the Workforce Institute) established in 1988; and the San José – Evergreen Community College Extension at Milpitas, established in 2016. For more information, visit www.sjeccd.edu.