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Supporting Students In Need and Maintaining Affordable Education Are Top Priorities Among SJECCD Constituents

(San Jose, Calif.) —San José – Evergreen Community College District (SJECCD) commissioned an independent survey this month showing residents are highly compassionate towards the current challenges faced by today’s local students—including food insecurities, hunger, and homelessness. Another top priority identified by the community was maintaining affordable education at a reasonable price to continue to increase opportunities for local students to earn college credits, certifications and job skills, and transfer to four-year universities.

“The community realizes that the cost of housing in the Bay Area is continuing to rise and is getting out of control,” said SJECCD Chancellor Byron D. Clift Breland. “Many students at San Jose City College and Evergreen Valley College are facing homelessness and hunger and we must ensure they have access to basic needs like food and childcare so they can continue to pursue their education and receive the skills they need to stay in school and work in our community.”

Said Vice Chancellor Jorge Escobar, “Our colleges provide essential job training for students, veterans, and local residents in order to successfully prepare them to move on to be a part of our local workforce. The District seeks to continue to upgrade classrooms, facilities, and technology to expand access to training programs that help students learn new skills and find better-paying jobs.”

The community survey also showed approximately 60 percent of residents thought that the San Jose Evergreen Community College District has a need for additional funding to serve and support local students.

For the final report of community survey results, visit www.sjeccd.edu.

About San José – Evergreen Community College District

Located in vibrant downtown San José in the heart of Silicon Valley, the San José – Evergreen Community College District (SJECCD) encompasses more than 300 square miles, including a large portion of the City of San José and all of the City of Milpitas. SJECCD is comprised of: San José City College, the first community college in Santa Clara County, established in 1921; Evergreen Valley College, established in 1975; the

Community College Center for Economic Mobility (previously known as 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.