

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-_____

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF MERCED, CALIFORNIA,
EXPRESSING SUPPORT OF CANDIDATES FOR
APPOINTMENT TO THE UNIVERSITY OF
CALIFORNIA BOARD OF REGENTS WHO HAVE
STRONG TIES TO THE SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY**

WHEREAS, the University of California has had a transformative effect worldwide for 150 years, and

WHEREAS, the board that governs the most prestigious public research university system in the world has a responsibility not just to the students, faculty and staff of today, but to future generations of Californians and Americans, and to the researchers who will shape our global society for decades to come, and

WHEREAS, the San Joaquin Valley is the fastest-growing region of the state, and one that truly reflects California's future diversity, and

WHEREAS, those who reside in and have strong ties to the San Joaquin Valley have a unique perspective having experienced its struggles, including unemployment levels that far exceed the state average and educational attainment that has historically lagged far below the rest of the state, and its successes as the agricultural breadbasket of the world and future corridor of the country's first high-speed rail system, and

WHEREAS, the San Joaquin Valley was selected as the site of the tenth University of California campus in part to serve a historically underserved region by improving educational attainment rates, and spurring economic development through research and community service in one of the most economically challenged regions of the country, and

WHEREAS, the University of California Board of Regents currently has no members who reside in or have strong ties to the San Joaquin Valley following the expired terms of former Regents Odessa Johnson and Fred Ruiz in 2012 and 2016, respectively, and

WHEREAS, the responsibility of individual Regents is to serve as trustees for the people of the State of California and as stewards for the University of

California, acting to govern the University as a public trust in fulfillment of its educational, research, and public service missions in the best interests of the people of California, and

WHEREAS, a successful UC Regent must be committed to the well-being of the University, traveling the length and breadth of the Golden State as a goodwill ambassador, conferring with faculty, students, staff, and alumni on issues of importance; endeavoring with passion and commitment to maintain the University's excellence and its stature as a world-class institution of teaching and research;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERCED DOES HEREBY RESOLVE, DETERMINE, FIND, AND ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The City Council of the City of Merced expresses its support of candidates for appointment to the University of California Board of Regents who have strong ties to the San Joaquin Valley and urge Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr.'s utmost consideration for vacancies on the board.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Merced at a regular meeting held on the ____ day of _____ 2018, by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members:

NOES: Council Members:

ABSENT: Council Members:

ABSTAIN: Council Members:

APPROVED:

Mayor

ATTEST:
STEVE CARRIGAN, CITY CLERK

BY: _____
Assistant/Deputy City Clerk

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APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Kelly Finnan 3/1/18
City Attorney Date