



RESOLUTION NO. 2024-14

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE OF BERNARDO PEREZ

WHEREAS, Bernardo Perez was appointed to the Ventura County Community College District (VCCCD) Board of Trustees in 2010 and subsequently elected in 2012, serving with unwavering dedication and distinction for 14 years as the representative for Area 4, encompassing Moorpark, Simi Valley, Santa Susana Knolls, Box Canyon, Bell Canyon, Chatsworth Peak, Home Acres, Sinaloa Lake, and Tierra Rejada Valley; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure, Trustee Perez exemplified servant leadership demonstrating empathy, integrity, fiscal responsibility, and an unwavering commitment to the success and well-being of students, faculty, and the broader community; and

WHEREAS, Bernardo Perez made significant contributions to the California Community College system through his service on the Community College League of California Advisory Committee on Legislation from 2013-2021 and the California Community College Trustee (CCCT) Board since 2021, helping to shape statewide educational policies and advocating for student success; and

WHEREAS, as a devoted community leader, Bernardo Perez has actively supported numerous organizations, including the Workforce Investment Board, Moorpark Foundation for the Arts, and Simi Valley Hospital Foundation, while previously serving organizations such as Ventura County Civic Alliance, Clinicas del Camino Real, United Way of Ventura County, Cabrillo Economic Development Corporation, El Concilio del Condado de Ventura, Children's Health Initiative Steering Committee, HOME Housing Task Force, Justice and Peace Commission, Archdiocese of Los Angeles, Ventura County Living Wage Coalition, the 2010 Ventura County Housing Conference Planning Committee, and as classroom volunteer and reader for Moorpark Unified School District; and

WHEREAS, Bernardo Perez championed the rights and welfare of farm workers and their families through his advocacy at House Farm Workers Field to Fork Annual events, promoting dignity, equitable pay, safe work conditions, and access to health services for farm workers; and

WHEREAS, having called Moorpark home for over 50 years, Bernardo Perez has served the city with distinction as a member of the Moorpark City Council, including a term as Mayor, earning the respect and trust of his constituents; and

WHEREAS, his deep faith, rooted in service to the community and dedication to uplifting the most vulnerable, has been evident in his work empowering youth through his service with the Knight of Columbus, Holy Cross Parish; and

WHEREAS, as Board Chair, Bernardo Perez has provided exemplary leadership with compassion and an unwavering commitment to equity, excellence, and the advancement of educational opportunities for all; and

WHEREAS, his tireless efforts have left a lasting legacy, fostering the advancement, sustainability, and economic recovery of Ventura County and enhancing access to education for future generations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ventura County Community College District Board of Trustees expresses its profound gratitude and appreciation to Bernardo Perez for his unparalleled service, visionary leadership, and steadfast dedication to the students, colleges, and communities of Ventura County.

Adopted December 10, 2024:

Joshua Chancer, Trustee

Stan Mantooth, Vice Chair

Lou Lichtl, Trustee

Gabriela Torres, Trustee

Rick MacLennan, Ed.D., Chancellor