



Mountain View Whisman School District

Resolution No. 02-111920, To Honor Retiring Trustee José Gutiérrez, Jr.

WHEREAS, José Gutiérrez, Jr. served on the Board of Trustees of the Mountain View Whisman School District from August 2015 to December 2020; and

WHEREAS, José Gutiérrez, Jr. served with outstanding leadership as Board President and Vice President; and

WHEREAS, José Gutiérrez, Jr. provided essential support for the Measure B Parcel Tax campaign, which led to the successful passage of a local parcel tax to provide funding for classroom instruction, physical education, music education, environmental and science education, school libraries, counseling services, support for at-risk students, and school operations; and

WHEREAS, José Gutiérrez, Jr. provided essential support for the Measure T bond campaign, which led to the successful passage of a \$259 million facilities bond to renovate, improve, construct student facilities, and provide for employee housing; and

WHEREAS, José Gutiérrez, Jr. provided effective oversight that ensured fiscal integrity, equitable access, and innovative elements for implementation of the Measure G facilities funding; and

WHEREAS, José Gutiérrez, Jr. understood and modeled the roles and responsibilities of a Trustee; and

WHEREAS, José Gutiérrez, Jr. served as a positive role model in our district for our students and provided a positive face for our district when dealing with difficult situations; and

WHEREAS, José Gutiérrez, Jr. advocated for the most vulnerable and underrepresented student populations in the district, honoring his commitment to public service; and

WHEREAS, José Gutiérrez, Jr. provided invaluable expertise in empowering the Superintendent to lead the District; and

WHEREAS, José Gutiérrez, Jr. served as the Board liaison to the District Advisory Committee, Mountain View Educational Foundation, and District English Language Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, José Gutiérrez, Jr. has devoted countless hours to reviewing, evaluating, and discussing district policies; and

WHEREAS, José Gutiérrez, Jr. has brought to the Mountain View Whisman School District Board of Trustees a commitment to public education and a desire to do his best for all children; and

WHEREAS, José Gutiérrez, Jr. prepared for and attended over 100 meetings of the Board of Trustees during the five years he served as a Trustee.

WHEREAS, José Gutiérrez, Jr. stood in support of Mountain View Whisman School District families and children as they faced uncertainty and fear surrounding immigration control enforcement and helped make Mountain View a *safe haven* for all families; and

WHEREAS, José Gutiérrez, Jr. was instrumental in establishing and maintaining district Cafécitos that engendered thoughtful and constructive feedback from the community; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that José Gutiérrez, Jr. is recognized for his four years of dedicated service to the students of Mountain View on the occasion of his retirement from the Mountain View Whisman School District Board of Trustees.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Mountain View Whisman School District Board of Trustees on this 19th day of November, 2020, by the following vote:

Laura Blakely

Devon Conley

Tamara Wilson

Ellen Wheeler

Dr. Ayindé Rudolph, Superintendent