## BEFORE THE HARTNELL COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES MONTEREY COUNTY, STATE OF CALIFORNIA FEBRUARY 06, 2024

In the Matter of Ordering an	)	Resolution
Election to Fill a Vacancy on the	)	
Hartnell Community College District	)	
Board of Trustees	)	Resolution No. 24:4

WHEREAS, a vacancy occurred on the Hartnell Community College District Board of Trustees ("Board of Trustees"), Trustee Area 6, due to the resignation of Trustee Erica Padilla-Chavez effective November 2, 2023;

WHEREAS, when a vacancy occurs on the Board of Trustees, Education Code section 5091 requires the Board of Trustees either to make a provisional appointment or order a special election within 60 days of the vacancy (Ed. Code, § 5091, subd. (a)(1));

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees made a provisional appointment to fill the vacancy on November 21, 2023; which is within 60 days of Erica Padilla-Chavez's resignation;

WHEREAS, on December 21, 2023, registered voters of Monterey County, Trustee Area 6, submitted a petition to the Monterey County Superintendent of Schools to terminate the provisional appointment, and for the conduct of a special election to fill the vacancy;

WHEREAS, on January 19, 2024, Monterey County Elections verified the signatures on the petition and determined that the petition is legally sufficient;

WHEREAS, Education Code section 5091, subd. (c)(2)(A), provides that when a petition to conduct a special election has been determined to be legally sufficient, the county superintendent of schools shall order a special election to be conducted not less than 88, nor more than 125, days following the order of the election;

WHEREAS, California Elections Code section 1003, subd. (c), provides that the established election dates pursuant to Elections Code section 1000 do not apply to school governing board elections initiated by petition pursuant to Education Code section 5091;

## **THEREFORE**, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. The Hartnell Community College District Board of Trustees hereby requests that the County Superintendent order an election to fill the seat left

vacant by the resignation of Erica Padilla-Chavez on the Hartnell Community College Board of Trustees, Trustee Area 6.

- 2. The Hartnell Community College Board of Trustees requests that the election be held on June 4, 2024. Attached as Exhibit "A" are the specifications of the election order, which are incorporated herein by reference.
- 3. The Hartnell Community College Board of Trustees requests the County Superintendent publish a Notice of Election in the manner provided pursuant to Education Code section 5360, *et seq.*
- 4. The Superintendent/designee are hereby authorized and directed to take any other actions necessary to effectuate the purposes of this Resolution.

The foregoing Resolution was passed and adopted by the Hartnell Community College Board of Trustees on February 6, 2024.

Irma C. Lopez

President, Board of Trustees

ATTEST:

Michael Gutierrez Secretary of the Board of Trustees

## Exhibit A

## SPECIFICATIONS OF THE ELECTION ORDER

- A. The special election shall be held on June 4, 2024.
- B. The purpose of the special election is to choose one member to fill the vacancy on the Hartnell Community College District Board of Trustees, Trustee Area 6.
- C. Candidate statements shall be paid for by the candidate. (Elec. Code, § 13309 provides procedures for filing by indigent candidates.)
- D. Candidate statements shall be limited to 200 words. (Elec. Code, § 13307.)
- E. In the event of a tie vote, the winner of the election shall be determined by lot at a time and place to be designated by the Hartnell Community College District Board of Trustees. (Ed. Code, § 5016, subd. (b).)

