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Press Release

Mac Master appointed to Health Care District Board

Patterson, CA, July 30, 2019 Three local residents applied for a vacancy on the Del Puerto Health Care District Board of Directors. Gabriela Hernandez, a patient advocate at Emanuel Hospital, Ann Taylor, a licensed therapist in private practice, and George Galloway Mac Master, a residential and commercial realtor, all submitted their interest in fulfilling the first half of a four-year term. The seat was vacated by Sheree Lustgarten in May.

The applicants were invited to the regular Board of Directors meeting on Monday, July 29 to share their experiences and interest in serving on the Board. Each candidate shared their qualifications and brought different perspectives to the table. Hernandez took a specific interest in the operational aspects of the District and the patient perspective on receiving care in Patterson. Taylor emphasized working with the Board as a team and understanding long-term needs to bring additional services into the community. Mac Master also discussed expanding health care services to the area and serving as a District advocate within the community.

When the interviews were concluded Mac Master was nominated and voted into office by the board.

“All three of you are excellent candidates, and at any other time there would have been room for you,” said Board President Steve Pittson commenting about the recent election in which four board seats were unopposed including a fourth seat opened in 2018 when former resident Frank Daras moved to Texas.

After the results were announced both Taylor and Hernandez were invited by Pittson to sit on the Health Care District’s Ad Hoc Community Health Needs Assessment committee to study the status of health and services that are most needed on the west side of the county.

Pittson’s closing comment reminded the group, “There are going to be future Board openings, and serving on this committee will be great experience.”

The Del Puerto Health Care District Board of Directors meets the last Monday of each month at 6:30 PM in the conference room at 1700 B Keystone Pacific Parkway. The public is invited to attend.



Del Puerto Health Care District serves the communities of Patterson, Westly,
Grayson, Crows Landing and the surrounding rural areas.

The District provides services through Patterson District Ambulance and the Del Puerto Health Center.