



Resolution

HARTNELL COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Resolution 24:13

Commending Area 2 Trustee

Aurelio Salazar, Jr.

for Outstanding Service to the Hartnell Community College District

WHEREAS, Aurelio Salazar, Jr. has provided invaluable time, talent, and energy to the Hartnell Community College District [the District] between 1992 - 1995, and 2016 - 2024; and

WHEREAS, Aurelio Salazar, Jr. was a Hartnell College student between 1992 and 1995, where he received his Associate of Arts Degree in General Studies; and

WHEREAS, Aurelio Salazar, Jr. served as the President of the Associated Students for Hartnell College (ASHC) and Student Trustee to the Hartnell Community College District between 1994 to 1995; and

WHEREAS, Aurelio Salazar, Jr. graduated from San Diego State University in 1999 receiving a Bachelors' of Arts degree in Mexican American Studies; and

WHEREAS, Aurelio Salazar, Jr. has worked in the government and nonprofit sector for over the last twenty years as a youth drug and alcohol prevention specialist, youth gang violence intervention specialist, and a community organizer; and

WHEREAS, Aurelio Salazar, Jr. spent 10 years in the philanthropy sector awarding grants and technical assistance to hundreds of nonprofit organizations throughout the County of Monterey; and

WHEREAS, Aurelio Salazar, Jr. volunteered for the Measure T facilities bond to secure \$67 million for the construction of the new campus in Castroville and Soledad; improvements to the King City Campus, and major improvements on the main campus in Salinas including the construction of the Allied Health Sciences Building; and

WHEREAS, Aurelio Salazar, Jr. graduated from San Jose State University in 2019 to receive his Master's Degree in Mexican American Studies; and

WHEREAS, Aurelio Salazar, Jr. served with distinction as Governing Board President in 2018, 2019, 2020, 2023; member of the Hartnell College Foundation Board of Directors in 2021, 2022, member of the District Audit Committee in 2016, 2018, 2019, 2023, 2024, member of the Strategic Planning Advisory Group in 2017, 2018, and member of the Hartnell College Foundation President's Task Force in 2024; and

WHEREAS, Aurelio Salazar, Jr. served on the Hartnell Community College District Board of Trustees during the hiring of the college's first African-American, Asian-American, and Mexican-American Superintendent/President; and

WHEREAS, Aurelio Salazar, Jr. proudly identifies himself as a product of the California community college system, a network of institutions dedicated to transforming the lives of students and lifting countless individuals out of poverty.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Hartnell Community College District Board of Trustees hereby recognizes and expresses its profound appreciation to Trustee Aurelio Salazar, Jr. for his selfless commitment to its students and the communities it serves.

Passed and adopted on this 19th day of November of 2024.

Irma Lopez

Irma C. Lopez, Board President

Michael J. Gutierrez

Michael Gutierrez, Superintendent/President