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County Committee to Seat Two New Members

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SAN JOSE, CA – As the only candidates for open seats on the Santa Clara County Committee on School District Organization, two new members and an incumbent will be seated on the Committee. The new members, Albert Beltran and Javier González, will join incumbent Teresa O'Neill on the 11-member County Committee.

Beltran is a board member of two nonprofits, including an education organization that supports teacher professional development in the science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) fields. He has been a congressional aide for U.S. Rep. Mike Honda.

González has been the director of local government affairs for the California Restaurant Association. He is also a board member for the Silicon Valley Crime Stoppers, Latino Leadership Alliance and Grail Family Services.

O'Neill is a member of the Santa Clara Planning Commission. She formerly served on the Santa Clara Unified School District Board of Trustees, and is engaged in a number of community organizations.

The 11 seats on the County Committee include two from each of the five county supervisorial districts, and one elected at-large. Seats that were open this year were from Supervisorial Districts 2 and 4, and the at-large seat. Gonzalez represents Supervisorial District 2; O'Neill Supervisorial District 4; and Beltran is the at-large representative.

An election to seat the three members was to have been held on Nov. 30. A representative from each of school boards in county school districts normally votes in the county committee election, with each representative voting in each of the area elections. However, since none of the candidates was opposed this year, the election was cancelled.

The primary responsibility of the County Committee is the reorganization of school districts, through territory transfers and unification. For more information on the County Committee, visit http://www.sccoe.org/supandboard/countycommittee/.