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Two Seats on Veterans Memorial Board Now Open

Gilroy, CA (Sept. 1, 2022) – Two seats on the South Santa Clara Valley Memorial District (SSCVMD are open and will be filled by appointment of the County Board of Supervisors.

At the close of nominations for the November 8, 2022 General Election, veterans and incumbents Phil Garcia and Gabe Perez qualified for two of the three, full-term vacancies for the SSCVMD. Sanchez chose not to run for re-election.

On Nov. 15, 2020, the County Board of Supervisors, per Elections Code 10515(b), will appoint qualified persons to fill the vacancies in lieu of an election. Individuals interested in the position must complete an application available at https://www.sccgov.org/sites/cob/bnc/Documents/Special%20Districts%20Application%202013.pdf, and submit it to the county and the SSCVMD.

The successful candidate will represent the public at large and the appointment is for a full four-year term, which will commence on December 2, 2022 and expire on October 31, 2026. Per California Military and Veterans Code Section 1197, a majority of the seats on the board shall be designated for veterans. At the time of the election, SSCVMD will have two members of the Board who are veterans; therefore, only one person appointed to the board need be a veteran. This is a volunteer position with no compensation.

The SSCVMD was formed as an independent special district on August 26, 1946, to recognize and serve the veterans of Gilroy and South Santa Clara Valley. The District currently owns and operates the Gilroy Veterans Memorial Building, 74 W. 6th Street, Gilroy. District Directors are the fiduciaries who steer the organization towards a sustainable future by adopting sound, ethical, and legal governance and financial management policies, as well as by making sure the organization has adequate resources to advance its mission.

For additional information please contact the Office of the Clerk of the Board, Records Unit at 408-299-5001 or <u>recordsunit@cob.sccgov.org</u>. You may also contact SSCVMD Executive Director Christine West at 408-842-3838 or <u>christine@sscvMemorialDistrict.org</u>.