



Hispanic Foundation of Silicon Valley

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Hispanic Foundation of Silicon Valley Names Dr. Carmen Sigler as Board Chair

Monica Zent Cervantes Appointed New Director

SAN JOSE, Calif. (January 4, 2008) - - The Hispanic Foundation of Silicon Valley (HFSV), a public foundation that engages Silicon Valley leadership and directs resources to invest in a thriving Hispanic community, has appointed Dr. Carmen Sigler as its board chair and Monica Zent Cervantes as a new member of the twelve member board. The appointments became effective on January 1.

Dr. Carmen Sigler, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs at San José State University (SJSU), was born and raised in Argentina. After completing her undergraduate education in Argentina, she received A.M. and Ph.D. degrees in Romance Languages and Literatures from the University of Michigan. In her capacity as Provost and Chief Academic Officer at SJSU, Dr. Sigler provides leadership to the Division of Academic Affairs which includes seven colleges, the University Library, and several research and administrative offices.

An active member of the community, Provost Sigler also serves on the board of trustees of Montalvo Center for the Arts and Opera San Jose. She is a member of the Downtown Rotary Club, the First Act Catalyst Team and the San Jose Public Art Master Plan. She is also a past participant in the San Jose Community Leadership program and a current member of the American Leadership Forum Class XIX.

“Dr. Sigler is a highly-regarded and respected community leader who has made great contributions to the HFSV since joining the board in 2001,” said Hispanic Foundation of Silicon Valley executive director, Teresa Alvarado. “I greatly respect her dedication and professionalism and am personally excited to work more closely with her,” adds Alvarado.

Monica Zent Cervantes, president & managing attorney of Zent Law Group, PC concentrates her practice in the areas of intellectual property law and licensing, with a particular emphasis in the technology, Internet, computer software, digital media, music, entertainment, sports and consumer products industries.

Zent Cervantes is actively involved in a variety of business, civic and charitable organizations such as the San Jose Rotary Club, San Jose-Silicon Valley Chamber of Commerce, the Digital Media Roundtable, the National Association of Women Business Owners, American Bar Association (ABA), Silicon Valley Women in Business, and Stanford Law School Institute of Science and Technology.

Exiting board chair Hon. Teresa Guerrero-Daley will continue to serve as a board officer along with Francisco X. Márquez, General Counsel for Exeros, Inc.; Barb Larson, CEO of the American Red Cross Santa Clara Valley; and Jose Villarreal, Development Officer with the San Jose Redevelopment Agency.

“The Hispanic Foundation has benefited greatly from the contributions of a diverse and highly-engaged board who have fully participated in the organization’s transformation over the past two years,” states HFSV executive director, Teresa Alvarado. “I am confident that together we will expand the reach of the Foundation and implement new programs that will further develop the philanthropic leadership of Silicon Valley’s Latino community.”

About the Hispanic Foundation of Silicon Valley

The Hispanic Foundation of Silicon Valley cultivates philanthropy to inspire Hispanic children and families to achieve personal greatness. The Hispanic Foundation of Silicon Valley engages leadership and bridges resources to invest in a thriving Hispanic community. Visit www.hfsv.org or call (408) 881-0560 for more information.

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