



PRESS RELEASE

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Judson ISD Board Appoints Rafael Diaz as the District 7 Representative

On Monday, December 14, in a special meeting of the Judson ISD Board of Trustees, Converse resident and businessman, Rafael “Rafa” Diaz, Jr. was appointed to serve as the District 7 representative. Mr. Diaz has lived in the district for seven years and is the Director of Product Management for Aztec Software. The selection of Mr. Diaz came as a result of the resignation of former JISD Board Member Lynette Perez, who moved to the Little Rock, Arkansas area. In order to apply for the District 7 At Large position, Mr. Diaz submitted his own resignation of the District 4 seat with the following statement, “My decision to seek the District 7 seat will allow me to continue offering my thought partnership and service to our communities while meeting my own family’s needs.”

The Judson ISD Board of Trustees interviewed all three candidates that applied for the position and came to their decision shortly after those discussions with a unanimous vote in support of Mr. Diaz. Board President, Renée Paschall, offered these thoughts about the board’s selection, “It is with great pleasure to accept the former member, Mr. Rafael "Rafa" Diaz Martinez, for the District 7 At-Large JISD School Board position. Mr. Diaz has been an asset to this board because of his compassion as a parent, but more importantly his level of integrity. He brings to us the perspective from the private sector, which was unanimously received. Because of his devotion as a father, Mr. Diaz strives to see that all of our Judson students be provided equitable resources across the district.” Mr. Diaz will be sworn in at the next regular meeting of the JISD Board of Trustees set for December 17, 2020 at 6 p.m. at the ERC Boardroom.

Upon learning of his appointment, Mr. Diaz expressed his appreciation with the following words, "I am humbled to be appointed, once again, by the Judson ISD Board of Trustees to fulfill a Board vacancy. Last year, I promised the Board to be a devoted advocate for Judson ISD and, more importantly, for our scholars' academic growth and the overall strengthening of our district. Today's appointment to the District 7 At Large seat is an affirmation and endorsement by my colleagues that I kept my promise and have earned their trust through thoughtful and honest discourse, commitment to servant-leadership and, active presence in decision-making.

I am glad to continue providing my private sector experience, multi-lensed perspective and, parental voice toward the goal of making Judson a destination district where scholars and their families have varied and robust pathways to opportunity. My focus is to help re-imagine the educational experience by centering learners, leveraging cultural wealth, and diversifying our programming to increase learner engagement and outcomes. My kids, your kids, and kids we will possibly never meet deserve it.



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I am honored to continue my partnership with the most diverse educational governance team in Bexar County. I serve with six women (5 Board Members and the Superintendent of Schools) who have dedicated their professional lives to serving our communities through education and military service."

Mr. Diaz is married to Marisa Perez-Diaz who is an elected member of the State Board of Education. The couple have two children.

There were no applicants for the District 4 position, so no action was taken. The seat will remain vacant until the general election in May 2021.

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