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## **DUBLIN VICE-MAYOR MELISSA HERNANDEZ ANNOUNCES BID FOR ALAMEDA COUNTY SUPERVISOR**

*Current Dublin Vice-Mayor, daughter of migrant farm workers, and long time community volunteer pledges to fight for Alameda County families.*

Dublin, CA – Today, Dublin Vice-Mayor Melissa Hernandez kicked off her campaign for the Board of Supervisors, District 1. In an email announcing her candidacy, Hernandez vowed to fight for traffic and transportation improvements, affordable housing, improvements in county social programs, and public safety funding.

“I am running for Supervisor to offer a fresh community and neighborhood perspective and deliver results for the families of Dublin, Fremont, Livermore, and East Alameda county,” said Hernandez. “I am not a career politician. I am not looking for my next job in Sacramento. I have spent years serving our community as a volunteer, a small business finance manager, and now as Dublin Vice-Mayor.

“As the proud daughter of migrant farm workers who scratched and sacrificed to achieve the American Dream, I know the importance of the critical services the county offers to families and those who are struggling,” Hernandez continued. “I know what these services mean to families, because I’ve lived it.

“That is the reason I became involved in public service. It is the lens through which I viewed my role as a volunteer, my role as a Council person, and how I will view my role as Supervisor. I want to help hard working families move into the middle class, to protect our social services that help veterans and the elderly, create more affordable housing and improve transportation and public safety to ensure safe, successful and vibrant communities for all Alameda County families,” said Hernandez.

Hernandez begins the campaign as the only woman in the race. To date there have only been six women who have ever served on the Alameda County Board of Supervisors.

Melissa is the fifth of seven children born to migrant farm workers in Dixon. Her family spent two crop seasons living in the migrant camps there. Melissa's father saved enough to buy his own tractor-trailer and began work as an interstate trucker. Before long, with her parent's perseverance and the helping hand of a compassionate neighbor, they settled into a two, then three bedroom apartment in Dixon.

Melissa spent her adult life raising her children, working as a small business finance manager in the health and dental sector, and volunteering in the Tri-Valley community. She was appointed to the Dublin Human Services Commission where she served as Chair. She also served on the Parks and Rec Task Force, and Congressman Swalwell's Women's Advisory Board.

In 2016, juggling a family, her studies and a job, Melissa ran for and won a seat on the Dublin City Council where she has been a family and neighborhood-focused leader. Melissa has worked to end traffic congestion, to ensure responsible development that balances economic growth while preserving the quality of life, protection of parks and services and all while being fiscally responsible.

She serves as a board member on Valley Link, Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority (LAVTA), East Bay Community Energy, Dublin Unified School District City Liaison Committee, Alameda County Waste Management Authority Board, and the Dublin Economic Development Committee.

Melissa is a graduate of Cal State East Bay and lives in Dublin with her two children.

For more information on Melissa Hernandez for Supervisor please visit:  
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