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MAYOR ASHLEY SWEARENGIN  
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**NOTIFICATION OF APPOINTMENT BY MAYOR  
TO BOARD OR COMMISSION**

**TO:** City Council  
**THROUGH:** Yvonne Spence, City Clerk  
**BY:** Ashley Swearengin, Mayor

☐ Reappointment  
☒ New Appointment

**Name of person replaced: Pamela Kallsen**

**Name:** Jorge Aguilar

**Address:** UC Merced/Fresno Unified School District  
550 East Shaw Avenue, Suite 105 – Fresno California 93710

**Home Phone:**

**Business Phone:**

**Appointed to:** Fresno Housing Authority

**Term:** Through 04/30/2017

*City Council Agenda 10/23/2014*

CITY OF FRESNO

## Kelli Furtado

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**From:** Webmaster  
**Sent:** Monday, September 29, 2014 10:02 AM  
**To:** Clerk  
**Subject:** APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO BOARD OR COMMISSION

Name: **Jorge Aguilar**  
Home Phone:                      Work Phone:  
Home Address:                      CA Zip: **93619**  
Work Address:                      Fresno, CA Zip: **93710**  
E-Mail Address: axs4all@gmail.com  
Council District: **Not Sure**  
Occupation/Employer: **UC Merced** Years: **15** Months: **2**

Educational Background, Schools Attended, Degrees and Certifications:

**Parlier HS School - High School Diploma**  
**University of California, Berkeley - BA**  
**Loyola Law School - JD**

Professional and Community Affiliations:

**-San Joaquin Valley Chicano Latino Youth Leadership Project**  
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**-Fresno Unified E-Mentoring Program**  
**-Fresno STRIVE**

For what Board or Commission are you applying?

**-Fresno Housing Authority**

Briefly explain why you are interested in serving on this Board(s) or Commission(s):

**-I am interested in seeing how to further strengthen the relationship between Fresno Unified School District and the Fresno Housing Authority. Specifically, I am interested in leveraging information about students and families served by the Fresno Housing Authority so that their academic and social-emotional needs are better met.**

Do you or an immediate family member have any professional or financial relationship that may present a potential conflict of interest for this board, commission or similar body?

**No**

Provide 3 Personal and Professional References.

Provide name, address, and phone number where they may be reached during the day.

**Tracewell Hanrahan**

**Vincent Harris**

**Miguel Arias**

## UC Merced - Fresno Unified School District Partnership



In 2009, UC Merced and Fresno Unified School District (FUSD) established a groundbreaking body of work focused on equity and access for all students. The mission is to ensure students are given an equal opportunity to graduate from high school and have the greatest number of postsecondary choices from the widest array of options.

To more rapidly advance this unique partnership — as well as to support excellence in research, public service and teaching — Associate Vice Chancellor Jorge Aguilar was granted a leave of absence from UC Merced to work at Fresno Unified School District.

Fresno Unified School District is the fourth-largest district in California, with more than 73,000 students. With Aguilar serving as associate superintendent for equity and access and special assistant to FUSD Superintendent Michael Hanson, both UC Merced and FUSD are seeing encouraging outcomes from this partnership.



Equity and access are the backbone of the partnership between Fresno Unified and UC Merced. When implemented, this focus on equity and access is envisioned to result in new protocols that ensure students are given an equal opportunity to graduate and have the greatest number of postsecondary choices.

These protocols are envisioned to have an impact on students' academic and social-emotional well-being — and, by extension, the well-being of the community.

UC Merced's unique partnership with Fresno Unified School District is expected to continue yielding immediate benefits to students as well as important lessons learned that will guide the future work of both UC Merced and FUSD in this area.

### ASSOCIATE VICE CHANCELLOR'S MESSAGE | Jorge Aguilar



When founding Chancellor Carol Tomlinson-Keasey approved the establishment of the Center for Educational Partnerships in 2002, we had a vision, but no funding to make it a reality. In fact, we operated one academic partnership

program with a staff of seven. There were scarcely enough resources to realize the goal intrinsic to our vision: creating equal opportunities for all students to graduate from secondary schools with the greatest number of postsecondary choices from the widest array of options.

Today, with 41 staff members and investments from state, federal and private sources exceeding \$15 million, we are closer than ever to seeing that vision become a reality — a vision based on our steadfast commitment to advance equity and access for educationally disadvantaged students and families across the San Joaquin Valley.

We know that state and federal accountability standards do not incentivize schools to focus on higher education-related matters. Therefore, over the past 10 years, we have remained committed to pursuing and learning the best ways to collaborate with school districts across the San Joaquin Valley.

In that period, we have been fortunate to identify partner school districts willing to adopt and focus on advancing our equity and access principles. Our collaboration with those school districts has provided clear evidence that public schools and institutions of higher education both benefit when partnerships are genuine. We have seen the benefits to students and entire families when we all focus on empowering educationally disadvantaged students and families.

As the newest campus of the University of California system, UC Merced was built with the hope of designing and implementing a distinctive vision and culture as an institution of higher learning that San Joaquin Valley residents would call “our university.” Our 41 staff members of the Center for Educational Partnerships are proud to call this campus “our university,” and we stand ready to continue collaborating with school districts across our Valley.

Our commitment to focus on equity and access for students and families is unquestionable, and we look forward to the next 10 years of perfecting the outcomes that are embodied in our vision!

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**Address:**

**Home Phone:**

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**Term:** Through 09/30/2017

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