



Duarte Unified School District

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### **DUARTE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION ELECTION RESULTS** ***Voters Elect Diaz, Bell and Carroll to School Board***

(Duarte, CA) – Three seats on the Board of Education for the Duarte Unified School District were on the November 6 General Election ballot. Based on the official certified results announced by the Los Angeles County Registrar Recorder/County Clerk, voters issued a mandate to return incumbents Reyna Diaz and Ken Bell to their positions for another four-year term, and elected new member, Ceci Escarcega Carroll, to complete the two-year unexpired term ending December of 2020.

The final canvass of the vote was completed officially on November 30. Once all the ballots had been counted, Diaz (29.08%) and Bell (25.86%) had captured a collective 54.94% of the vote to surpass the other three candidates vying for the two four-year term seats: Miriam Perez (21.41%), Jody Schultz (18.25%) and Cristobal Nahui-Ortega (5.41%).

The two candidate race for the special election unexpired two-year term between Carroll and Irene Murray, was won by Carroll with 51.32% of the reported vote. The seat Carroll was elected to fill was previously held by Murray through a provisional appointment. Sitting members, Douglas Edwards and Tom Reyes, remain on the Board and were not up for election this cycle. Their term expires December of 2020. View the canvass count reported by the LA County Registrar/County Clerk below.

Board of Education Four-Year Term Count:

Reyna Diaz: 3,706  
Ken Bell: 3,296  
Miriam Perez: 2,729  
Jody Schultz: 2,326  
Cristobal Nahui-Ortega: 689

Board of Education Special Election Two-Year Unexpired Term Count:

Ceci Escarcega Carroll: 3,771  
Irene Murray: 3,577

Diaz has been a resident of Duarte for 27 years, and was first elected to the school board in 1997. She states her top priorities will continue to be supporting students, teachers and staff, academic achievement, safety, and school choice. Serving as a governing member for 29 years, Bell shares he remains dedicated to working to create and maintain a safe and superior learning environment for all of the children the district serves. Carroll has been an involved member of the Duarte community for over 16 years. She affirms her focus will be on supporting the vision of the Competitive Advantage Plan by lending her unique perspective as a parent of students in the district.

“I congratulate Mrs. Diaz and Mr. Bell on their re-election and value the wealth of experience they offer our governance team and the vast contributions they have made to this community. The dedication they have demonstrated to serving the children and supporting the staff of Duarte Unified is admirable. Their efforts have been directly responsible for moving our district forward,” stated Dr. Gordon Amerson, Superintendent of Schools.

“I am also pleased to welcome new board member, Mrs. Ceci Carroll. As a parent of two children within our district who has taken an active role as a volunteer in our schools, Mrs. Carroll has solid insight into our governance needs and no doubt will be a strong advocate for our students and staff. I am eager to work with each member of our Board to continue the positive momentum that has positioned Duarte Unified to be the destination for a first-class education within this region.”

The newly elected board members will be officially sworn in to take the oath of office at the annual Organizational Meeting of the school board scheduled for Thursday, December 13, 2018. At this meeting, the selection of the President and Vice President of the Board of Education for the 2018-2019 year will be determined.



(Reyna Diaz)



(Ken Bell)



(Ceci Escarcega Carroll)

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