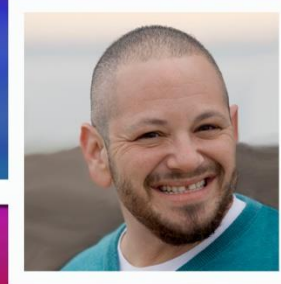



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UNCONTESTED, SPICKLER TAKES SEAT ON CABRILLO COLLEGE BOARD MAKING CA HISTORY

*COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES ANALYST AND LONGTIME LGBTQ ACTIVIST
APPOINTED IN LIEU OF ELECTION TO CABRILLO TRUSTEE AREA 2 SEAT*

SANTA CRUZ, CA — AUG. 16, 2018 — Adam Spickler, a senior analyst for Santa Cruz County’s Human Services Department, saw his bid for Cabrillo College Trustee come to an early close, with an appointment to the Area 2 Cabrillo Trustee seat in lieu of election.

When incumbent Gary Reece announced on August 10 that he would be retiring from his Area 2 Trustee seat, the filing period was extended to 5pm, August 15, for any interested parties to run. Adam, who announced his candidacy at a kickoff event on the east side of Santa Cruz in June, had filed on July 16 for the Cabrillo Trustee seat’s Nov. 6 election. With the period closed and no one coming forward to challenge him, Adam Spickler becomes the newest Cabrillo College Trustee and the first openly transgender man to hold elected office in the state of California.

Running on a platform of equal access, affordability, diversity, and advocacy for vital state funding for Cabrillo College, Adam’s campaign garnered significant early endorsements from state and local elected officials, including CA Senate Majority Leader Bill Monning, Santa Cruz County Supervisors John Leopold, Ryan Coonerty and Zach Friend, and County Schools Superintendent Michael Watkins and Superintendent-Elect Faris Sabbah. “I know Adam to be a man of integrity, compassion, capacity, and commitment,” Sen. Monning said. “We are indeed fortunate that he is willing to serve our college and community.”

Raising nearly \$10,000 before the close of the candidate filing period, Adam created a strong buzz locally in the Santa Cruz community. “Adam cares about making sure Cabrillo remains affordable and accessible in the future, and he wants to help close the gap between well-intended legislation and the challenges they impose on higher education,” says Maureen Vargas, president of the Happy Valley Elementary School’s Parents Club. “Connecting to future Cabrillo leadership is meaningful, and I am excited Adam is stepping up to become a trustee at Cabrillo College.”

Adam also picked up support around the greater Bay Area during his candidacy as a longtime LGBTQ activist who came out publicly as transgender in 2010, and who could become the first out, transgender man to be elected to public office in California. He is endorsed by BAYMEC, a four-county Bay Area political action committee supporting LGBTQ candidates and issues.

“Adam’s experience and knowledge make us confident that he would be an outstanding member of the Cabrillo College Board who will fight for all students to get the education they deserve,” said BAYMEC Board President Paul Escobar. “Adam is thoughtful, effective, dynamic and has been a champion for the Santa Cruz County LGBTQ community for years.”

A 2002 graduate of Cabrillo College, Adam has been appointed in lieu of election to the Trustee Area 2 seat that includes parts of Santa Cruz, Live Oak and areas north stretching to the Summit. “I am truly honored to be learning so early in this race that I get to move forward uncontested,” said Adam upon learning of this appointment. “Cabrillo is a college I love, and I am excited to put my expertise in government policy and finances and my experience as a bridge builder to good use for Cabrillo.”

To learn more about Adam and his efforts to win this Cabrillo seat, visit adamspickler.org or facebook.com/adamforcabrillo.

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