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Santa Clara County's Public Physicians Endorse Margaret Abe-Koga for Santa Clara County Supervisor

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Mountain View, CA – Valley Physicians Group (VPG), representing the nearly 500 publicly-employed physicians serving the County's most vulnerable patients, has endorsed Margaret Abe-Koga as their choice for Santa Clara County Supervisor in District 5. VPG joins the broad and strong coalition of endorsements from over 150 key Santa Clara County elected officials, organizations and community leaders..

"As a breast cancer survivor, I understand firsthand the importance of accessible quality healthcare. Critical to quality is the patient-physician relationship. I applaud the County's publicly-employed physicians for their commitment to providing the highest level of care for their patients of all backgrounds and for their public service. If elected County Supervisor, I will work collaboratively and inclusively with the Physicians to ensure that they have the appropriate staffing, equipment and resources to provide the best care available to our region's most vulnerable patients." said Abe-Koga.

"Margaret Abe-Koga's character and personal values are reflected in each and everyone of our dedicated, publicly-employed physicians who care deeply about providing excellent healthcare services to the most vulnerable of our citizens. As Supervisor, she will bring a record of inclusiveness and creative problem solving which is critical to addressing the challenges facing the County's public healthcare system. For these reasons, she is the only candidate in this race that we are endorsing," said Dr. Rachel Ruiz, chairperson of VPG and a pediatric gastroenterologist.

Other key endorsers include the Registered Nurses Professional Association (RNPA), County Employees Management Association (CEMA), Santa Clara County Professional Firefighters and Santa Clara County Deputy Sheriffs' Association..

Current Santa Clara County Board President Susan Ellenberg as well as Board Vice President Otto Lee and Supervisor Cindy Chavez – a majority of the current County Board of Supervisors have endorsed Councilwoman Abe-Koga.

Additional local endorsers include Santa Clara County Sheriff Bob Jonsen, Santa Clara County District Attorney Jeff Rosen, El Camino Healthcare District Board Vice Chair Carol

District 5 is an open seat as current Supervisor Joe Simitian is termed out.

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ABOUT MARGARET: A graduate of Harvard University, Margaret is passionate about equity, public safety, supporting business, and quality schools. Her first elected public office was the Santa Clara County Board of Education. Since 2007, Margaret has served on the Mountain View City Council, where she was the first Asian Pacific Islander American (API) woman to serve as Vice Mayor and Mayor two times. Margaret also serves on regional boards such as the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC); Valley Transportation Authority (VTA); Bay Area Air Quality Management District Board (BAAQMD); Chair and member of Silicon Valley Clean Energy Authority (SVCE); and has previously served on the San Francisco Regional Water Quality Control Board.

ABOUT VALLEY PHYSICIANS GROUP: Founded in 2010 Valley Physicians Group (VPG) has a diverse membership of nearly 500 Santa Clara County Employed medical professionals. VPG Members are united in their mission to deliver the health care all patients deserve regardless of income, ethnicity or language spoken. Hospitals Served by VPG members include Santa Clara Valley Medical Center, O'Connor Hospital and St. Louise Regional Hospital.

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