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HERMOSA PROJECT COMMUNITY ADVISORY PANEL MEMBERS SELECTED, COMMENCE WORK

South32 announced today the names of 14 people from across the county that have been selected to serve on the recently formed *Santa Cruz County Advisory Panel on the South32 Hermosa Project.*

The panel includes six individuals from the Nogales area, six from the Patagonia area, one from Sonoita, and one from Elgin. The group will not only advise on community-related development aspects of the Hermosa Project—the mining company's development option in the Patagonia Mountain—but also identify joint goals and priorities that could benefit both the broader community and South32. The panelists are as follows:

- 1. Olivia Ainza-Kramer, president and CEO of Nogales-SCC Chamber of Commerce
- 2. Mark Beres, winemaker/distiller/farmer at Flying Leap Vineyards
- 3. Martiza Cervantes, director of Santa Cruz County Workforce Development
- 4. Jaime Chamberlain, president of Chamberlain Distributing Inc
- 5. Liz Collier, member of governing board of the Santa Cruz County Provisional Community College District; board member of Lake Patagonia Community Homeowners Association
- 6. Ruth Ann LeFebvre, photographic artist and board director of Casa Arroyo Homeowners Association
- 7. Damian Rawoot, land and water protection manager for The Nature Conservancy
- 8. Gerry Isaac, owner of the Stage Shop Inn, Patagonia
- 9. Adelmo Sandoval, finance director for Nogales Unified School District
- 10. Carolyn Shafer, mission coordinator for Patagonia Area Resource Alliance and chairperson of Town of Patagonia Flood and Flow Committee
- 11. Linda Shore, president of Sky Islands Tourism Association, president of Red Rock Acres Homeowners Association, and board member and curator at Patagonia Museum
- 12. Nils Urman, deputy director for Pima County Community and Workforce Development, and executive director of Nogales Community Development
- 13. Marcelino Varona, board member of Nogales School and County Provisional Community College and member of Santa Cruz County Planning and Zoning Commission
- 14. Michael Young, assistant principal at Patagonia Union High School

The panel selection process began with an open call for applications, advertised in the newspaper and at a March 2021 open house hosted by South32 in Sonoita. Angie Donelson,

an independent third-party consultant contracted by South32 to serve as panel facilitator, advised on selections after reviewing the applications and interviewing applicants to better understand their background, networks, and affiliations with local community organizations and businesses.

The advisory panel has begun meeting and will continue to convene on the third Wednesday of each month. The meetings are open to the public, and agendas and minutes can be found at <u>south32.net/hermosa/documents</u>.

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