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HURTADO CLAIMS VICTORY IN SD14 RACE

FRESNO – Melissa Hurtado claimed victory today in her campaign to unseat state Sen. Andy Vidak. Hurtado, the Democratic candidate and a member of the Sanger City Council, declared victory after the latest election results were posted on the California Secretary of State's website late Monday morning.

According to the Secretary of State's website, Hurtado leads Vidak by nearly 8,000 votes which translates to an 8 percent lead. The 14th Senate District includes all or parts of Fresno, Kern, Kings and Tulare counties.

Following the posting of the latest results Hurtado released the following statement:

"It is clear from the latest results that our campaign will prevail when the final tally of votes is completed.

"Our effort would not have been successful without the backing and effort of the volunteers and supporters who helped us reach out to voters.

"During the course of the campaign my visits to communities convinced me we need to do more in the district in terms of improving access to health care, creating jobs, and providing children with a meaningful education. I promise to work hard on these issues. And as a member of the state Senate, I will stand with other Central Valley legislators to make sure we get our fair share of water."

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