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35th District Agricultural Association

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### **Merced County Fair Board Officers Selected for 2018**

**MERCED, CALIFORNIA, January 9, 2018** – The Merced County Fair proudly announces the 2018 officer positions for the 35<sup>th</sup> District Agricultural Association Board of Directors, which was made official on December 12 after a Board vote at its monthly meeting. Those positions are: Emily Haden, President; Lori Gallo, First Vice President; and Carol Sartori-Silva, Second Vice President.

Emily Haden, 35, of Merced, has served on the Merced County Fair Board since 2012. Haden has been an owner at the Haden Law Office since 2014, where she has been an attorney since 2010 and was a legal assistant from 2009 to 2010. She was a legal assistant at the Merced County District Attorney's Office from 2009 to 2010, a certified law student in the Misdemeanor Unit at the U.S. Attorney's Office, Eastern District of California from 2008 to 2009 and a legal assistant at Robert T. Haden PC in 2007. Haden was a customer service representative at the Merced Irrigation District in 2006. She earned a Juris Doctor degree from the University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law.

Lori Gallo, 43, of Merced, has served on the Merced County Fair Board since 2013. Lori works on various projects for Joseph Gallo Farms maker of Joseph Farms Cheese, where she has been employed since 2008. Prior to that Gallo was a realtor for Century 21 Salvadori Realty from 2002 to 2008. Gallo currently serves as a diplomat for the University of California, Merced University Friends Circle and is a member of the University of California, Merced Early Childhood Education Center Advisory Council. She is also a member of Women for Agriculture, Merced County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Merced County Chamber of Commerce, Italian Catholic Federation and the Merced Theatre Foundation.

Carol Sartori-Silva, 67, of Atwater, has served on the Merced County Fair Board since 1998. Sartori-Silva served as a fiscal supervisor for the Merced County Welfare to Work Department from 1982 to 2001 and formally served as a civil assistant in the Merced County Marshal's Office from 1979 to 1982. Sartori-Silva has previously served as a member of the California Women in Agriculture, Merced County Historical Society and the Western Fairs Association. She was also a charter member of the Friends of the Merced County Fair.

#### **About The Merced County Fair:**

The Merced County Fair, first founded in 1891, represents the 35<sup>th</sup> District Agricultural Association and is celebrating 127 years of operation this year. More than 70,000 people from throughout Merced County and beyond attend the five-day Merced County Fair each June. Members of the Board of Directors include: President, Emily Haden; First Vice President, Lori Gallo; Second Vice President, Carol Sartori-Silva; Vicky Banaga; Mark Erreca; Lee Lor; Kim Rogina; and Dr. Santokh Takhar. Teresa Burrola heads up the daily operations in her role as CEO. The 2018 Merced County Fair will run June 6 - 10. For more information about the Merced County Fair, please visit [www.MercedCountyFair.com](http://www.MercedCountyFair.com). Connect with the Fair on Facebook (@mercedfair), Twitter (@Merced\_CA\_Fair) and now Instagram (@mercedcountyfair).

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