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Fresno State President-Designate Joseph I. Castro announced a 46-member Presidential Transition Team to provide counsel as he assumes office on Aug. 1 and during his first six months.

"I value input from all constituents as I begin this momentous journey," he said.

California State University Trustees Dr. Peter Mehas and Hugo Morales will co-chair the team. It includes campus and community members from the CSU Advisory Committee for the Selection of the President. Members are:

- Paul Binion, pastor, Westside Church of God, Fresno.
- Dr. Deborah Blue, chancellor, State Center Community College District.
- Daniel Boggan of Oakland, retired chief operating officer, National Collegiate Athletic Association.
- Sandy Brown, chair, University Advisory Board.
- Ed Dunkel, president, Bulldog Foundation.
- Dr. Honora Chapman, professor of Classics and Humanities and director of the Smittcamp Family Honors College, Fresno State.
- Carol Chandler, owner, Chandler Farms, Selma.
- Brad Fischer, Fresno State Alumni Association.
- Dr. Katherine Flores, professor and director of Latino Center for Medical Education and Research, UCSF Fresno.
- Sandra Flores, senior program officer, Fresno Regional Foundation.
- Dr. Alvaro Gonzalez, lead economist, The World Bank, Washington, D.C.
- Dr. Luz Gonzalez, dean, College of Social Sciences, Fresno State.
- Erin S. Gore, chief financial officer, University of California, Berkeley.
- Robert J. Hand, director, Resources for Independence of Central Valley.
- Michael E. Hanson, superintendent, Fresno Unified School District.
- Dr. Elazar Harel of San Diego, retired chief information officer, University of California, San Francisco.
- Tou Herr, coordinator, Parent Services Center, Fresno County Office of Education.
- Ryan Jacobsen, executive director, Fresno County Farm Bureau.
- Dr. C. Judson King of Berkeley, provost emeritus, University of California, Berkeley and University of California system and director, Center for the Studies in Higher Education, University of California, Berkeley.
- Dr. James G. March, Jack Steele Parker Professor of International Management, Emeritus, Stanford University.

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- K. Phillip Maroot, attorney, Maroot and Hardcastle, Hanford.
- Sara Martinez, 2008 Fresno State alumna and Bulldog Pride Scholarship recipient.
- Dr. Cecilia Massetti, Madera County Superintendent of Schools.
- David Mas Masumoto of Del Rey, owner, Masumoto Family Farm and author.
- Moses Menchaca of Patterson, 2013-14 president, Fresno State Associated Students, Inc. (ASI).
- Caren Myers, CEO, Fresno Lexus.
- Arthur Montejano of Atwater, 2012-13 president, Fresno State ASI.
- Hon. Robert Oliver, judge, Fresno Superior Court.
- Henry Perea, chair, Fresno County Board of Supervisors.
- Pat V. Ricchiuti, owner, P-R Farms in Clovis and chair, Fresno State Agricultural Foundation Board of Directors.
- Kim Ruiz Beck, chairwoman, Ruiz Foods, Dinuba.
- Dr. David Schechter, professor of Political Science, Fresno State.
- Hon. Ashley Swearengin, mayor of Fresno.
- William S. Smittcamp, president and owner, Wawona Frozen Foods, Clovis.
- George Soares, founding partner, Kahn, Soares and Conway, Hanford.
- Shirley Staton, Accounting Services staff member, Fresno State.
- Ray Steele of Clovis, retired publisher, Fresno Bee.
- Daniel W. Stone, senior vice president, Amentum, Novato.
- Gena Strang-Behrens, sales representative, Ideasplus Promotional Products, Fresno, and Fresno Athletic Hall of Fame member.
- Dr. Khampha Thephavong, Fresno Veterans Administration Hospital.
- Leanne Walker Grant, tribal chairperson, Table Mountain Rancheria, Friant.
- Peter Weber, chair, executive committee, California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley.
- Dora Westerlund, president and CEO, Fresno Area Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.
- Dr. Lynn Williams, chair, Academic Senate at Fresno State.

A native of Hanford, Castro returns to the Valley following a 23-year administrative and academic career with the University of California. He held leadership positions at five UC campuses and in its system-wide office. He currently is Vice Chancellor for Student Academic Affairs at University of California, San Francisco.

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