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L.A. AREA CHAMBER ANNOUNCES SEVEN NEW ADDITIONS TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS

LOS ANGELES – The Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce today announced the appointment of seven new individuals to its Board of Directors for three-year terms, which commenced Sept. 1. The diverse group includes a chief medical officer, a construction management executive and an educator. The complete list of new directors follows.

Norman Abrams was recently named acting chancellor of UCLA during the search for a new chancellor. Abrams has worked at UCLA for more than 40 years as a professor in the School of Law and as vice-chancellor of academic personnel.

Elaine Batchlor is chief medical officer of L.A. Care Health Plan, where she is responsible for the medical leadership of the organization. Prior to her current position, she has worked at the California Healthcare Foundation and Prudential Health Care of California.

Rory DeJohn is vice president and general manager of Turner Construction Company's L.A. office. Prior to taking on the leadership and direction of Turner's L.A. office, DeJohn has worked in several other Turner offices, including Connecticut and New York.

Peter Griffith is a vice chair of Ernst & Young LLP and is managing partner of the firm's Pacific South West area, which includes 3,000 employees in five states. Griffith has more than 20 years working in the areas of accounting, auditing and corporate finance.

Walter Hill, Jr. is chairman, president and CEO of brand-marketing company Icon Blue, Inc. The company, which Hill created in 1998, has secured more than 100 licensing contracts with firms including Paramount Pictures and NBC and has been recognized by Toyota, American Honda Motors and Macy's as Small Business of the Year.

Jim McConnell is president of the Seville Group, a program, project and construction management firm. Prior to joining Seville, McConnell was the chief facilities executive for the Los Angeles Unified School district's \$19.2 billion new school construction project.

Hilary Norton Orozco is senior vice president of community development for Palmer Investments. Orozco manages the entitlement and community outreach process for the proposed community of Las Lomas. Prior to working at Palmer, Orozco worked at public relations firm Fleishman-Hillard.

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