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Pasadena Community Foundation Welcomes Five New Board Members

February 1, 2021. Pasadena, CA. – Pasadena Community Foundation (PCF) announces the appointment of five new members to its Board of Directors. Representing the medical profession, investment and banking, and real estate, the new board members also bring years of dedicated community leadership and a broad range of diversity. In joining PCF’s 20-member board, they will help guide PCF’s continued COVID-19 response, oversee new Racial Equity and Animal Welfare initiatives, and guide PCF’s broad grantmaking throughout the Pasadena area.

The new board members are:

- Koko Archibong
- Greta Mandell Johnson, M.D.
- Scott Nesbit
- Uma Shrivastava
- Armineh Tavitian, M.D.

Jennifer DeVoll, PCF’s President and CEO, welcomes the new members and recognizes the important additions they bring to PCF’s Board. “Our goal is to recruit board members who reflect the community we serve, both in skills and expertise, as well as interests and passions. As the Foundation grows in size and complexity, it is important to have sophisticated, experienced board members who bring different perspectives to our leadership. These five new members complement our seated directors, and we look forward to their myriad experiences and unique vision to inform our response to the community’s changing needs.”

Introducing PCF’s new board members

Koko Archibong is the Vice President and Private Wealth Advisor at Capital Group Private Client Services, one of the world’s oldest and largest investment management organizations. He started there in 2015 as Senior Client Relationship Associate, and since 2018, he has served in his current role. Koko spent his younger years as a professional basketball player and then focused his athletic skills on training young players at Triple Threat Training, a company he founded, and at Polytechnic School, his alma mater, where he served as Assistant Athletic

Director from 2013-15. Koko lives in Pasadena with his wife, a psychiatric nurse, and young son, a student at Poly.

Greta Johnson Mandell, M.D., is a retired psychiatrist with a long career in inpatient and outpatient psychiatric evaluation, as well as holistic care and pain management. Greta also earned a Certification in Fashion Merchandising and Marketing, Fashion Institute of Design & Merchandising (FIDM) in 1987 and integrated that field into her medical research. Her philanthropic leadership in the Pasadena area includes roles with Pasadena Playhouse, Theatre at Boston Court, and Pasadena Symphony, POPS, and Youth Orchestras; she is also the founder and director of the Compton Arts Council. Greta lives in Altadena with her husband, Peter Mandell.

J. Scott Nesbit is the retired CEO of Rockpoint Land, real estate subsidiary of Rockpoint Group. He started his career as Assistant Vice President at Union Bank before starting as leasing agent for Trammell Crow Commercial Company, where he became the Managing Director of the Southern California Region. He was the CEO of Terrabrook before moving to Rockpoint Land. Scott has served on the boards of Cancer Support Community, the San Marino Little League and Boy Scout Troop #355; he also served as the Director of the LA County Fire Department First Responders' College Fund and a Trustee of the San Marino School Foundation. He and his wife Julie live in La Cañada and are parents to five grown children.

Uma Shrivastava is a retired Bank of America Senior Vice President – her professional banking career extended over 25 years. She is also a celebrated and award-winning entrepreneur: She founded La Cañada Books and Toys in the 1990s. Uma is an active participant in the nonprofit sector, serving leadership positions with Women at Work, USC Medical Faculty and Friends Association, and La Cañada Flintridge Chamber of Commerce. She was born in India and has lived in the Pasadena area since 1989 with her husband, Dr. Prakash Shrivastava. They are the proud parents of three children and grandparents of six.

Armineh Tavitian, M.D., has broad experience in community health services. She began her career in private practice as an OB/GYN before working as Medical Director at Comprehensive Community Health Centers, providing comprehensive primary care services to medically underserved residents of Los Angeles County. Since 2019, she is a Senior Advisor at Greg Facktor Associates, a healthcare consulting firm. Armineh has served as a volunteer with Reading Partners, a member of the Grant Screening Committee of the Everychild Foundation, and on the Board of Trustees at Westridge School for Girls. She and her husband Ara live in La Cañada and are parents to two grown daughters.

Those continuing to serve on the Foundation's Board of Directors are Margaret Mgrublian, Chair; David Beringer, Bill Bogaard, Scott Christopher, Phyllis Crandon, Sandra Ell, Priscilla Gamb, Jenny Lim, Gloria Pitzer, Nicholas Rodriguez, Margaret Sabbag, Sonia Singla, Les Stocker, Michelle Tyson, M.D., and Alex Wei.

About the Pasadena Community Foundation

Founded in 1953, Pasadena Community Foundation (PCF) is a tax-exempt public charity created by and for the people of Pasadena. Managing more than \$120 million in charitable assets, PCF works with individuals, families, and organizations to establish philanthropic funds, create, and build endowment funds, and distribute charitable gifts to nonprofit organizations.

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