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Arts Council Silicon Valley Announces New Deputy Director

San Jose, CA, October 7, 2009 – Arts Council Silicon Valley (ACSV) today announced that long-time staff member, Diem Jones, has been promoted to the new position of Deputy Director. In this role, he will continue to be responsible for administrative oversight of all Arts Council programs.

Mr. Jones joined the Arts Council staff in 2002 as Director of Programs, overseeing seven grants programs and the arts education programs, and supervising the Music & Arts fundraising campaign. During his tenure at the Arts Council he has forged national, regional and corporate support for ACSV programs, increasing the number of sponsored programs three-fold. In addition, he designed and created ACSV's first multi-year grants programs, as well as new programs that have supported current trends in the arts field.

Prior to joining the Arts Council, Mr. Jones served as Administrative Director of the East Bay Center for the Performing Arts, Director of the MFA Program in Creative Writing at Saint Mary's College, National Director of WritersCorps (an AmeriCorps program), Development Director of WPFW/Pacifica Radio, and Associate Director of Associated Writing Programs (AWP) at George Mason University. Mr. Jones is also currently Executive Director of Voices of Our Nations Arts Foundation and the Voices Writing Workshops at the University of San Francisco, focused on writers-of-color. A gifted poet, musician and photographer, his forthcoming project, "Prepare for W.A.R.: Walk Among Reality," will be released as a music CD and short film in the first quarter of 2010. His Grammy-nominated music CD, "Equanimity," has been performed by Mr. Jones and his band throughout the United States.

"Over the years, Diem's extensive arts management background and contributions have helped establish the Arts Council as a premier grantmaking agency for the arts in this region," said Bruce W. Davis, Executive Director of Arts Council Silicon Valley. "In his new role as Deputy Director, we are certain that his passion and expertise in the arts will help forge new partnerships and programs that will greatly benefit the Arts Council and arts community overall."

ABOUT ARTS COUNCIL SILICON VALLEY

Arts Council Silicon Valley is an independent, nonprofit arts agency dedicated to providing funding, advocacy support, and marketing services to the region's arts organizations and artists. As the official state/local partner with the California Arts Council, the County of Santa Clara, and the National Endowment for the Arts, Arts Council Silicon Valley is the largest nonprofit arts council in the state. Since the organization's inception in 1982, the Arts Council has provided nearly \$24 million in grants and services to local arts and cultural organizations, individual artists, schools, and community groups. For more information on Arts Council Silicon Valley go to: www.artscouncil.org

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