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### **Arts Council Silicon Valley Elects New Board President and Officers**

**SAN JOSE, CA — July 18, 2011** — Arts Council Silicon Valley's Board of Trustees announced today that they have elected a new slate of officers to lead the Board of Trustees for fiscal year 2011-2012. Officers are elected by the full board and serve one-year terms. Board trustees are responsible for the fiscal oversight and governance of the organization and also assist in fundraising, marketing and community relations efforts.

**Mohana Dissanayake**, Audit Partner/Software Industry Leader at Deloitte's Silicon Valley office, succeeds Gillian Moran as *Board President*. A member of the Arts Council Board of Trustees for the last five years, Dissanayake has served as a Board officer for the last four years, most recently as President-elect and Treasurer. As a community volunteer, he was involved with The Indus Entrepreneur (TiE) group and the Association for Lighting a Candle (AFLAC), a nonprofit focused on helping educate underprivileged children in Sri Lanka.

**Gillian Moran**, will serve as *Immediate Past President*. In addition, two trustees will serve as Board officers including: **Eric Allegakoen**, Vice President, Finance, Global Audit Services, Adobe, as *Treasurer*, and **Gail Hashimoto**, a Shareholder with Hopkins & Carley, a Law Corporation, as *Secretary*.

"I'm delighted to lead the Arts Council's Board this year," said Mohana Dissanayake, President of the Board of Trustees. "We have an exciting year ahead of us and look forward to the roll-out of our new strategic plan and direction, increasing community support for the arts, and expanding our Board outreach in Silicon Valley. This group of individuals understands and appreciates the power of the arts and will help to make it happen."

[Arts Council Silicon Valley's Board of Trustees List](#)

#### **ABOUT ARTS COUNCIL SILICON VALLEY**

Arts Council Silicon Valley is a nonprofit organization dedicated to fostering arts and culture throughout the region. We bring leadership and support to the artists and arts organizations that form the cultural framework of our community. Since 1982 we have distributed nearly \$26 million in funding to the arts. Arts Council Silicon Valley is an official partner with the California Arts Council and the County of Santa Clara. For more information on Arts Council Silicon Valley go to:

[www.artscouncil.org](http://www.artscouncil.org).

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