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### **Arts Council Silicon Valley Elects New Board President and Officers - Two Local Community Leaders Join Board of Trustees -**

**San Jose, CA, July 8, 2009** – Arts Council Silicon Valley’s Board of Trustees have elected a new slate of officers to lead the 20-member Board of Trustees for fiscal year 2009-2010. 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 advocacy efforts.

**Gillian Moran** succeeds Jeffrey Strawn as *Board President*. A member of the Arts Council Board of Trustees for the last four years, Moran has served as a Board officer for the last two years, most recently as President-elect. A dedicated community volunteer, she is a founding member of the Saratoga Taiko Group and currently serves on the Board of the Saratoga Foothill Historic Landmark Foundation. She previously served on the Board for the San Jose Repertory Theater and is former Mayor of the City of Saratoga (1997-1998).

**Jeffrey Strawn**, Senior Vice President/Credit Officer at Silicon Valley Bank, will serve as *Immediate Past President*. In addition, five trustees will serve as Board officers including: **Mohana Dissanayake**, Audit Partner with Deloitte and Touche LLP, as *Treasurer*; **John DuBois**, President of the Du Bois Group, as *Vice President, Programs*; **Gail Hashimoto**, a Shareholder with Hopkins & Carley, a Law Corporation, as *Secretary*; **Gail Price**, Executive Director, AIA Santa Clara Valley Chapter as *Vice President, Advocacy and Planning*; and, **Chris Worrall, VP OEM Business Unit, Hitachi** as *Vice President, Development*. Committee Chairs include: **Chike Nwoffiah**, executive director of Oriki Theater as *Chair of the Grants Committee*; **Lynne Rosenthal**, Junior League Representative, as *Chair of the Board Development Committee*; and, **Mary Zelle**, Director of Development for Planned Parenthood Mar Monte, as *Chair of the Special Events Committee*.

#### **TWO NEW TRUSTEES ANNOUNCED**

The newly elected Board trustees have outstanding long-term professional backgrounds and experience in the local community and are passionate arts supporters. They are:

#### **Nancy Glaze**

Nancy Glaze recently served as Interim Executive Director of Montalvo Arts Center where she provided organizational leadership and operational oversight for Montalvo as the organization conducted its search for a permanent Executive Director. She was previously the Arts Program Director at the David and Lucile Packard Foundation and served as Executive Director of the Community School of Music & Arts in Mountain View, California. Nancy is coauthor, with Dr. Thomas Wolf, *And the Band Stopped Playing... The Rise and Fall of the San Jose Symphony*. She is on the Executive Committee for Americans for Arts and is a Board member for the San Jose Institute of Contemporary Art. She is a longtime resident of Los Altos, California.

**Neal Goldstein**

Neal Goldstein is a recognized leader in commercial and enterprise development. In addition to holding three patents, he was one of the first technologists to work with commercial developers at Apple Computer, Lucasfilm, and Microsoft. Goldstein also served as Senior Vice President of Advanced Technology and Chief Architect at Charles Schwab. Currently, he is leading an iPhone start-up that is developing a global travel application for both leisure and corporate travelers. An avid arts supporter, he previously served on the Arts Council Board of Trustees and more recently on the Board of Directors of the Palo Alto Art Center Foundation. He is a longtime resident of Palo Alto, California.

“I’m excited to lead the Arts Council’s Board this year,” said Gillian Moran, the President of the Board of Trustees. “We have an exciting year ahead of us focused on increasing support for the arts, developing a new strategic plan, 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.”

For a complete listing of the Arts Council Silicon Valley’s Board of Trustees for FY 2009-2010 please visit: <http://artscouncil.org/about/board.asp>

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

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