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Arts Council Silicon Valley Elects Three New Board Trustees

San Jose, CA, August 5, 2009 – Arts Council Silicon Valley today announced the election of three new members to its Board of Trustees. The new trustees will serve their first one-year term from July 2009 to July 2010. Board trustees are responsible for the fiscal oversight and governance of the Arts Council and also assist in fundraising, marketing and advocacy efforts. The new trustees were selected because of their outstanding long-term professional backgrounds, experience in the local community, and passionate interest and support of the arts.

The newly elected Board members include:

Oriana Li Halevy

Oriana Li Halevy is an attorney with extensive experience representing U.S. and Asia-based investment and financial companies in Silicon Valley and Seattle. She previously served as a Diplomatic interpreter with the United States Department of State and U.S. Information Agency. A current member of the American Leadership Forum Class XXI, Halevy is also active in the Harvard Club of Silicon Valley and the Asian Pacific Islander American Public Affairs Association. A passionate classical and Chinese folkdancer – as well as an accomplished writer – she resides in Los Altos.

Rebecca Hickman

Rebecca Hickman is a founding member of the Town of Los Altos Hills' Park and Recreation Committee, the Founding Director of the Los Altos Hills Park and Recreation Programs, and a former corporate marketing professional. An advocate for community-based arts programs, she has worked to integrate workshops and classes into the Los Altos Hills Parks and Recreation Programs. As a volunteer fundraiser, Hickman helped initiate and obtain \$220,000 for capital improvements to Los Altos Hills' recreations facilities, \$1.2 million to improve the town's baseball fields, and \$40,000 for the town's riding ring. An active fundraiser for the Woodside Priory School, she received the City of Los Altos/Town of Los Altos Hills Joint Community Service Award. She is a resident of Los Altos Hills.

Carol Blacutt-Underwood

A native of Bolivia, Carol is a member of the California bar and specializes in corporate, technology, software and intellectual property law. She previously served volunteer internships with the Legal Center for the Elderly and Disabled in Sacramento, Catholic Charities, and the Katharine & George Alexander Community Law Center. She also volunteers at the Hillbrook School in Saratoga where her two children (both aspiring artists) are enrolled. She is a resident of Saratoga.

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“We are excited to welcome these community leaders to the Arts Council’s Board,” said Bruce W. Davis, Executive Director, Arts Council Silicon Valley. “Among our key goals this year is the development of a new strategic plan and increased fundraising. These individuals bring great enthusiasm and appreciation for the arts to help drive these initiatives forward.”

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

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