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Beth Sirull Named as New President and CEO of Jewish Community Foundation of San Diego

SAN DIEGO – March 30, 2017 – The Board of the Jewish Community Foundation (JCF) of San Diego has announced the appointment of Beth Sirull as the new President and CEO, and holder of the Miriam and Jerome Katzin Presidential Chair. Beth most recently served as President and CEO of Pacific Community Ventures, a combined for-profit/nonprofit organization based in San Francisco dedicated to creating jobs in low-income communities.

“Over her 30-year career, Beth has demonstrated exceptional leadership skills, bringing energy and innovative ideas to each of her roles,” Board of Directors Chair Sydney Selati said. “We are confident she will provide the strategic vision and tools needed to continue to build on the strong foundation we’ve already built.”

Active in her Jewish community, Beth served as Chair of the Board of the Jewish Community Center of the East Bay and on the Boards of the Tzedek Economic Development Fund and her temple sisterhood. She is a published author and an accomplished public speaker.

Beth received the 2015 James Irvine Foundation California Leadership Award, recognizing Californians who are advancing innovative, proven and replicable solutions to critical issues facing the state. She was named to Forbes’ list of 30 Top Social Entrepreneurs in 2012 and to the San Francisco Business Times’ list of Most Influential Women in Business in 2013.

“We know Beth is the catalyst we need to build on our amazing growth.” said Dr. Andrew Viterbi, Board member and chairman of the CEO search committee. “Importantly, Beth will lead a strong, dedicated and experienced team. In her role, she will continue to deliver innovative products and services that will engage and serve donors, expand our endowment and strengthen our community.”

“I am thrilled to be joining the Jewish Community Foundation of San Diego at such an exciting time” said Ms. Sirull. “Celebrating our 50th anniversary will provide a platform for the future, with opportunities for donors and organizations to engage and collaborate with our staff and programs throughout the year. This will be an exciting and impactful year and I look forward to introducing myself to the San Diego community.”

The Board is also pleased to announce that Jeremy Pearl will serve as the Foundation’s Executive Vice President. Jeremy will continue to serve as the Foundation’s Chief Financial Officer, the position he has held for twelve years. “I would like to thank Jeremy for his strong leadership as Acting President and CEO over the past year as he has worked with our extraordinary staff to forge new community partnerships, serve our donors and grow assets under management,” said Sydney Selati.

Founded in 1967, the Jewish Community Foundation is celebrating its 50th Anniversary of being a leader in charitable giving in San Diego. The Foundation promotes philanthropy through helping donors achieve their charitable goals by connecting them with local, national and international charitable organizations. In the process, the Foundation facilitates current and future support for a vibrant and secure Jewish and general community in San Diego, Israel and around the world. To date, Foundation donors have granted more than \$1 billion. The majority of these grants have been allocated to the San Diego Community.

Ms. Sirull began her new role on March 13. For additional information on the Jewish Community Foundation of San Diego, please visit www.jcsandiego.org.

About the Jewish Community Foundation

The Jewish Community Foundation partners with individuals, families and community organizations to help them achieve their philanthropic goals. During fiscal year 2015-16, the Foundation awarded and facilitated \$112 million in 6,700 grants to more than 1,700 Jewish and general organizations in San Diego, Israel and around the world. The Foundation manages more than \$300 million in assets and has facilitated more than \$1 billion in grants since 1967. The Foundation is a national model for its legacy endowment building and youth philanthropy programs. Visit the Jewish Community Foundation at www.jcfsandiego.org or call 858-279-2740.

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