Jewish Community Foundation of San Diego
Appoints Jane Scher as New Board Chair

SAN DIEGO - The Jewish Community Foundation Board of Directors is pleased to announce the appointment of Jane Scher as Board Chair as of July 1.

Jane’s leadership experience spans 13 years as a Foundation board member, including serving as Vice Chair and Secretary. Jane succeeds Jeff Silberman, who led the Foundation for two significant years, including the past fiscal year when the Foundation’s grantmaking exceeded $100 million and assets exceeded the $300 million mark for the first time.

Jane was the founding chair of the Foundation’s Endowment Leadership Institute. The Institute is a highly successful program that has resulted in significant endowments and bequests for Jewish organizations and synagogues in San Diego.

“Jane is a strong leader who has an inspiring record of achievements both locally and nationally,” said Marjory Kaplan, Foundation President and CEO, Miriam and Jerome Katzin Presidential Chair. “The Foundation will greatly benefit from her commitment to philanthropy and her focus on engaging everyone – board, staff, donors and the entire community – in a positive way.”

Jane brings a wealth of experience leading other community organizations. She graduated as a Wexner Fellow in 1996. She is a past president of Hillel of San Diego and Parents’ Association at the San Diego Jewish Academy, and Campaign Chair and President of Women’s Philanthropy of the Jewish Federation of San Diego County. She has served as a board member of Hillel International, the San Diego Jewish Academy, the Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center, South African Jewish American Community, Agency for Jewish Education, United Jewish Communities National Women’s Constituency and the Hebrew Homes Women’s Auxiliary.

The Foundation’s 2014-2015 board includes Barbara Bry, Vice Chair; Susanna Flaster, Vice Chair; Joan Jacobs, Vice Chair; Luis Maizel, Secretary; Henry Haimsohn, Treasurer; Caryn Viterbi, Assistant Secretary; Brian Miller, Assistant Treasurer; Janet Acheatel, Edgar Berner, Marc Channick, Elaine Chortek, Theresa Dupuis, Graeme Gabriel, Elaine Galinson, Orin Green, David Kabakoff, Michael Levinson, Andrea Oster, Allen Reibman, Sydney Selati, Barbara Sherman, Lawrence Sherman, Jeff Silberman, Leo Spiegel, Mark Stuckelman, Andrew Viterbi, Eric Weitzen and Ellen Whelan.

About The Foundation
The Jewish Community Foundation partners with individuals, families and community organizations to help them achieve their philanthropic goals. During fiscal year 2013-14, the Foundation awarded and facilitated over $100 million in 6,000 grants to more than 1,500 Jewish and general organizations in San Diego, Israel and around the world (figures are preliminary as of print). Visit the Jewish Community Foundation at www.jcfsandiego.org or call 858-279-2740.

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