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**SAINT JOHN'S PROGRAM FOR REAL CHANGE
ANNOUNCES CEO TRANSITION**

Sacramento, California – Saint John's Program for Real Change (Saint John's), a leading nonprofit organization dedicated to empowering women and children, today announced the upcoming transition of its CEO, Julie Hirota.

"After four years of outstanding leadership to Saint John's, Julie is moving on to a new opportunity," said Board Chair Laura Hewitt. "The board of directors extends its deepest gratitude to Julie for her steadfast leadership and significant contributions to Saint John's and the women and the children it serves during her tenure."

"As I prepare to step down from my role as CEO, I want to express my profound gratitude to all those who have supported our mission and worked tirelessly towards our shared goals," said Hirota. "I am thankful for the privilege I've had serving alongside such remarkable individuals, and I look forward to witnessing the continued success and growth of Saint John's in the years to come."

The board has named Chief Operations Officer Jose Dominguez as interim CEO, effective April 12, 2024. He has been with Saint John's since March 2023, working closely with Julie, and brings more than 20 years of nonprofit and social service management experience to the position.

"The board is looking forward to supporting Jose in his new role and the entire leadership team as we continue our vital work in the community," said Hewitt.

"It has been such a pleasure working alongside Julie, she has thoughtfully cultivated an incredible leadership team that will work closely with the board and our partners to ensure that we keep the mission of Saint John's at our center," said Interim CEO, Jose Dominguez.

Saint John's Program for Real Change will embark on a comprehensive national search to identify the next CEO.

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To learn more about Saint John's visit saintjohnsprogram.org

The mission of Saint John's Program for Real Change (Saint John's) is to provide a safe space for women and children to heal and develop the skills necessary to transform their lives. Our work is guided by a vision to end the generational cycle of trauma and homelessness.

Since 1985, Saint John's has operated the largest residential program for women and children experiencing homelessness in the Greater Sacramento region, providing the tools necessary for clients to attain lives of well-being and economic self-sustainability. With the support of community partners and volunteers, Saint John's provides services 24 hours/day, 365 days/year, offering shelter, meals, childcare, and comprehensive support services, including the following: Behavioral Health Services, Hand-on Employment Training, Career Education, and Family Services.