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Cori Austin Announced as Incoming CEO of Center for Community Solutions

SAN DIEGO, CA – November 1, 2022— Center for Community Solutions (CCS) has announced the selection of Cori Austin as the organization's incoming CEO. Austin, who has served as the Chief Operating Officer of CCS for the last two years, will continue as COO until she transitions to her new role in February 2023.

Austin will succeed Verna Griffin-Tabor, who has served as CEO of CCS for the last 25 years. Griffin-Tabor announced her plan to retire last March.

"Cori Austin is a passionate and dedicated leader who cares deeply about our mission to end relationship and sexual violence," said current CEO Verna Griffin-Tabor. "I cannot think of a better person to serve as CEO, and I have complete faith that she will lead CCS into the next chapter with grace and strength."

The CCS Board of Directors led an extensive nationwide CEO search process and unanimously selected Austin. "We are thrilled that Cori will take the helm and have full confidence in her ability to lead, ensure stability, and take CCS to new heights. Her commitment to the mission and survivors is inspiring," added Tracy Skaddan, Board President.

Austin has worked in the relationship and sexual violence prevention field for over two decades, including 12 of those years at CCS. She has also served in numerous, elected non-profit leadership positions including the Board of Directors for the California Partnership to End Domestic Violence, the Steering Committee for the San Mateo County Continuum of Care, and a member of a Citizen Review Panel under the California Office of Child Abuse Prevention. Her professional accomplishments include strategic partnerships with community leaders to develop a county-wide response to family homelessness and providing training and technical assistance to nonprofits focused on the development of trauma informed practices. She was also core to CCS expanding services in San Diego's North County. She has a master's degree in Clinical Psychology-Forensics and a bachelor's degree in Psychology with a minor in Human Resource Management.

"I am honored to be chosen as the next leader of CCS and build upon the already strong foundation of this life-changing organization. I look forward to continued partnership with CCS' talented staff and dedicated board to focus on the important mission of ending relationship and sexual violence," said Austin.

About Center for Community Solutions

Center for Community Solutions is a San Diego-based nonprofit organization dedicated to ending relationship and sexual violence. Since 1969, CCS has been providing trauma-informed, wrap-around services to empower survivors as they heal and recover from trauma. CCS' free services include a 24/7 confidential crisis hotline, four domestic violence shelters, counseling, legal services, safety planning, prevention education and more. For more information, please visit ccssd.org.

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