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The Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation Announces New Additions to the Board of Directors

(SANTA BARBARA, CA) – The Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation (SBTHP) is pleased to announce the election of new community leaders to its Board of Directors. At the 58th Annual Meeting and Community Awards Presentation, members voted to elect new members: Jeffrey Haight, Salvador Güereña, Andrea Steward, and Kai Tepper to the board for a three-year term.

JEFFREY HAIGHT

Jeffery Haight S.E. is the President of Ehlen Spiess & Haight, Inc. Structural Engineers in Santa Barbara. He joined the firm in 1992 after working in Newport Beach upon graduating from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo with a Bachelor of Science degree in Architectural Engineering in 1988. He is particularly interested in emergency preparedness as a member of Goleta’s Community Emergency Response Team and was deployed to St. Bernard Parrish Louisiana to evaluate damaged structures after Hurricane Katrina as a volunteer engineer with California’s Office of Emergency Services. Away from work, he enjoys traveling with his wife Cindy of 31 years, fishing, and mentoring youth soccer referees.

SALVADOR GÜEREÑA

Salvador Güereña is an archivist, librarian, and writer and was director of the California Ethnic and Multicultural Archives from 1988-2019 in the Department of Special Research Collections, UCSB Library. He is a native of Santa Barbara, earning his B.A. degree from Westmont College and his MLS from the University of Arizona. He is past president of REFORMA, the National Association to Promote Library and Information Services to Latinos and
the Spanish Speaking, and has served on the governing Council of the American Library Association and on the Board of Directors for the Society of California Archivists. He has published numerous articles and edited and co-authored several books in the field of library science, bibliography, and archives. Locally, he has served as president of the Santa Barbara Education Foundation, the Children’s Creative Project, and since 2008 has served as volunteer executive director for United Parents/Padres Unidos.

**ANDREA STEWARD**

Andrea Steward was born and raised in Santa Barbara, the daughter of Mexican immigrants. Educated locally at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel and Bishop Garcia Diego High School, she attended the Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising in Los Angeles and after graduation worked in the fashion industry. Upon returning to Santa Barbara, she worked alongside her parents at the family business, Rudy’s Mexican Restaurants. Andrea and her husband, Neal, opened their own Rudy’s in the Presidio Neighborhood three years ago and she looks forward to serving SBTHP.

**KAI TEPPER**

Kai Tepper is the Outreach Program Manager for the Santa Barbara Bowl Foundation, previous Executive Director for The Arts Fund and founding board member of the Santa Barbara School of the Arts. She received a BA from California State University Channel Islands with an emphasis in Studio Art and Art History, where she discovered her love of arts non-profits. She is active in community organizations including the City of Santa Barbara’s Arts Advisory Committee, the Asian American History Committee at the Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation, Santa Barbara County Alliance for Arts Education, Leni Fund Outreach Committee, Visual Arts and Design Academy (VADA) at Santa Barbara High School, and the Community Arts Workshop’s (CAW) Artist Residency Panel.

**BOARD MEMBERS RE-ELECTED TO A NEW THREE-YEAR TERM**

Deborah Aceves  
Cody A. Makela  
Kyle Slattery  
Leslie Zomalt
THE BOARD ELECTED THE FOLLOWING OFFICERS FOR A ONE-YEAR TERM

Anthony Grumbine, President
Michael Neal Arnold, First Vice President
Tara Wood, Second Vice President
Cody A. Makela, Secretary
Kyle Slattery, Treasurer
Deborah Aceves, Immediate Past President

ABOUT THE SANTA BARBARA TRUST FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION

Founded in 1963 by Dr. Pearl Chase, the Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation (SBTHP) stewards the past and present of the Presidio Neighborhood and inspires preservation advocacy throughout the County in order to create a more vibrant community. SBTHP operates El Presidio de Santa Bárbara State Historic Park, Santa Barbara’s 18th century birthplace, under an agreement with California State Parks. In addition to portions of the Spanish fort, El Presidio SHP includes the Alhecama Theatre (1925) and the campus of the Santa Barbara School of the Arts, and Jimmy’s Oriental Gardens (1947) the last visible connection to Santa Barbara’s Chinatown. The organization also operates Casa de la Guerra, the 1820’s adobe home of Presidio Comandante José de la Guerra, and the Santa Inés Mission Mills near Solvang, CA. SBTHP produces dozens of community and school programs throughout the year to provide access to these special historic places. SBTHP is 501(c)(3) non-profit organization; learn more at www.sbthp.org.