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CHAMBER TRANSITIONS THROUGH BOARD LEADERSHIP CHANGE

Chair John Reilly is promoted, relocated; Ernesto Arredondo steps in

SAN DIEGO (Feb. 25, 2016) – The San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce announced a transition to its Board Chair position following the promotion and relocation of John Reilly, SeaWorld San Diego Park President. Assuming the role of Board Chair will be current Board Vice Chair, Ernesto Arredondo, Jr., San Diego Area President of Wells Fargo Bank.

“Despite just beginning his role as Chair of the Chamber’s Board of Directors, John has long been a trusted advisor and supporter of the Chamber,” said Jerry Sanders, President and CEO of the San Diego Regional Chamber. “We wish John well in his new role and thank him for the thoughtful and fresh approach he brought to the Chamber.”

In his new role as Chief Parks Operations Officer in Orland, Fla., Reilly will oversee all of SeaWorld Entertainment’s theme parks. Reilly has led SeaWorld San Diego's park operations since 2010. The Chamber’s Board of Directors today voted in unanimous support of the Chair transition, effective in April.

“Ernesto has been a strong supporter of the Chamber and our mission, and I appreciate him stepping into the Chair role,” Sanders said. “Under Ernesto’s leadership, the Chamber will continue our progress toward making San Diego the best place in California to do business and bringing more jobs to the region.”

Assuming the role of Vice Chair will be Sam Attisha, Vice President of Business Development and Public Affairs for Cox Communications. Attisha currently serves on

the Chamber Board as Chair of the Public Policy Committee and will maintain that role as Vice Chair.

About The San Diego Regional Chamber

The San Diego Regional Chamber is the hub for connections and collaboration among the regional business community, and uses that clout to advocate for public policies and candidates that support economic growth and the creation of jobs for all businesses. As the largest Chamber on the West Coast, representing approximately 2,500 businesses and an estimated 300,000 jobs, the San Diego Regional Chamber is fighting to make San Diego the most business-friendly region in California. For more information, please visit SDChamber.org or call 619-544-1300.

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