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CHAMBER ENDORSES IN CITY COUNCIL, COUNTY SUPERVISOR RACES *Chamber Board votes to support Ray Ellis and Kristin Gaspar*

SAN DIEGO (November 19, 2015) – The San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce announced today the endorsements of Ray Ellis for San Diego City Council District 1, and Kristin Gaspar, for County Supervisor District 3.

"The City Council and County Supervisor races are important for the continued growth and success of our region's businesses," said Jerry Sanders, President and CEO of the San Diego Regional Chamber.

"Ray and Kristin have demonstrated that they will be advocates for business and leaders we can count on to keep business moving forward. With this endorsement we will be able to send a strong message that these are the right candidates for business," Sanders said.

The Chamber's Board of Directors voted in support of the endorsement at its regular monthly meeting today. During the meeting, the Board heard remarks from and asked questions of Ellis and Gaspar.

"I am honored to have the endorsement of the San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce," Ellis said. "As a small business owner, I know the power of job creation and how important it is to our local economy and our neighborhoods. Working together, I want to focus on how we grow our small businesses and create more good-paying jobs for San Diegans."

Kristin Gaspar said: “The San Diego Regional Chamber has been an important voice in efforts to help small businesses grow and create good jobs for San Diego. They work hard to make sure that we invest in our region’s infrastructure to maximize our quality of life. I’m proud to have earned their endorsement and look forward to partnering with them as a member of the Board of Supervisors.”

This is the third round of early endorsements the Chamber has made in the 2016 elections. Earlier this year, the Chamber announced the endorsements of Congressman Scott Peters, Mayor Kevin Faulconer, County Supervisor Greg Cox, and San Diego City Councilmembers Mark Kersey and Scott Sherman. Additional endorsements are expected as candidates emerge and races develop.

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 local Chamber on the West Coast, representing more than 2,500 businesses and 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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