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## San Diego Hunger Coalition Welcomes New Members to its Board of Directors

New members with extensive humanitarian and philanthropic backgrounds to help lead the fight against hunger.

SAN DIEGO, February 22, 2018 – <u>San Diego Hunger Coalition</u>, has welcomed Jen Keyes and Rabbi Jonathan Stein to its board of directors as well as Ann Jaffe to its advisory board. Keyes is the current chief financial officer for the La Jolla Institute for Allergy and Immunology and will serve as the treasurer of the Hunger Coalition's board. Stein has served as a Rabbi for congregations in three different states and has extensive experience in humanitarian work. Jaffe is a registered dietician nutritionist, philanthropist, and champion for ending child hunger. They will support the Hunger Coalition's work to ensure San Diego County's more than 500,000 (1 in 6) food insecure residents can access federal food assistance programs by providing research, training, and advocacy support to its more than 100 partners in hunger relief and human services.

"Jen, Jonathan, and Ann's commitment to the health and equity of San Diego County's communities has been demonstrated by their significant volunteer and professional service to our region's non-profit sector," says Ellen Waddell, the San Diego Hunger Coalition's Board Chair. "We are proud to welcome their leadership and guidance to support our work to implement the most promising solutions to end hunger."

A licensed Certified Public Accountant, Keyes has worked extensively with not-for-profit organizations and private companies. She has significant experience with federal and state grant compliance requirements, and has created and implemented audit procedures specifically for these audits. She has worked closely with nonprofit organizations and philanthropists to support overall grant-making and education activities. Prior to joining the La Jolla Institute in 2014, she was the Controller at Episcopal Community Services.

Rabbi Stein served as Senior Rabbi for the Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation from 1978 to 1994. Locally, he served as Senior Rabbi of Congregation of Beth Israel of San Diego from 1994 to 2001. He retired as Rabbi Emeritus of Congregation Shaaray Tefila in New York City in 2014. He has served on more than 40 different Jewish and philanthropic professional and communal organizations including as the chairman of the board for the United Way of San Diego County and chair of the Grants Committee for MAZON: A Jewish Response to Hunger.

Jaffe is the past president of the San Diego Jewish Academy board of directors and was the driving force behind the building of the school's new campus. She has worked for the University of California, Riverside, was the school nutrition director for Escondido Union School District, and the former national sales and marketing director for KF Nutri-Foods International and Coca Cola Foods. She is a member of the School Nutrition Association, University of California, San Diego Center of Integrated Medicine Strategic Advisory Board, the California School Nutrition Association, and the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics.

The Hunger Coalition's board of directors and advisory board supports the work of the organization through mission-based leadership and strategic governance. For a complete list of San Diego Hunger Coalition's board members, please visit <u>sdhunger.org/board-of-directors.</u>

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## **About San Diego Hunger Coalition:**

San Diego Hunger Coalition leads coordinated action to end hunger in San Diego County supported by research, education and advocacy. San Diego Hunger Coalition's vision is that everyone in San Diego County has enough

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