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Cultural Initiatives Silicon Valley Adds Four to Board of Directors

San José, CA – Cultural Initiatives Silicon Valley, a nonprofit organization fostering the development of Silicon Valley's arts and cultural sector, added four new members to their Board of Directors: Todd Flynn, CEO of BlueBridge Corporation; Ann Gralnek, independent consultant in philanthropy; Christine Harris, community leader; and Kim Walesh, Director and Co-founder of Collaborative Economics.

"I'm excited to be joining Cultural Initiatives because they are thought leaders on why arts, culture and creativity are critical for Silicon Valley's economic and community vitality," said Walesh. "Their initiative to return arts education to elementary schools and the just-released 'Creative Community Index' are first-rate."

Walesh is recognized for her expertise in civic leadership, regional development, and the changing economy. With Collaborative Economics, she works on strategic advising, research and publications, and leadership engagement. She also advises foundations on strategies to promote regional collaboration and leadership.

Todd Flynn, Ph.D., is an entrepreneur and consultant with clients that include VeriSign, Cadence Design, and Red Herring. He has worked at Strategic Decisions Group, McKinsey and Company, and the RAND Corporation, and is actively involved with Silicon Valley Social Venture Partners.

Ann Gralnek is an independent consultant with clients that include the George Frederick Jewett Foundation, the William M. Keck, Jr. Foundation, and the J. Philip & Jennifer Di Napoli Foundation. She also serves on the Board of Villa Montalvo and the Development Committee Advisory Board of the Resource Area for Teachers.

Christine Harris has served on Villa Montalvo's Outreach Committee, helping to bring the arts to local public schools. She has also served on the Board of the Children's Discovery Museum of San José and the Advisory Board for both the Resource Area for Teachers and the YWCA of Santa Clara County.

Cultural Initiatives Silicon Valley is a public benefit organization formed in response to the research and planning efforts of over 1,000 committed community leaders, and dedicated to the development of a comprehensive plan for the cultural transformation of Silicon Valley. Its mission is to advance the vitality of Silicon Valley through broad cultural participation, quality creative education in our schools, and the development of an informed and committed leadership in the community.

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