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## **The California Endowment's Board of Directors Elect New Leadership**

**LOS ANGELES (May 19, 2015)** - The California Endowment today announced the election of Jane Garcia, MPH, as the private, statewide foundation's board chair. In addition, Zac Guevara, was elected as vice-chair of the Board of Directors.

Board Chair Jane Garcia, chief executive officer of the Bay Area's La Clinica de la Raza, joined The Endowment's Board of Directors in April 2010. She leads the largest community care provider in the Bay Area with a budget of more than \$65 million and 25 sites, including five school-based health centers. Garcia is an advocate for preserving community health care for all residents regardless of income or immigration status.

Her commitment to serving the needs of the diverse East Bay communities is further exemplified by her leadership role as Chairperson for the Community Health Center Network Center, Alameda Alliance for Health, and the Community Clinic Consortium. She also serves on the board of directors for the Alameda Health Consortium and is the Past President of the Board of the California Primary Care Association.

Board Vice-Chair Zac Guevara, who joined The Endowment's Board of Directors in May 2012, is a Chartered Financial Analyst® who retired in 2009 after serving as an investment analyst, research director, board member, and executive vice president with Capital International Research, Inc.

His commitment to community is exemplified by his service on a number of nonprofit boards, including Para Los Niños, I Have a Dream Foundation – Los Angeles, Self Help Graphics and Art, MALDEF, and the Los Angeles Education Research Institute.

"Both Jane and Zac are committed to improving the health and well-being of underserved individuals and communities," said Robert K. Ross, M.D. "We are very fortunate to have such two accomplished individuals to help lead us as we move forward with our mission of building healthy communities."

The California Endowment, a private, statewide health foundation, was established in 1996 to expand access to affordable, quality health care for underserved individuals and communities, and to promote fundamental improvements in the health status of all Californians. Headquartered in downtown Los Angeles, The Endowment has regional offices in Sacramento, Oakland, Fresno and San Diego, with program staff working throughout the state. The Endowment challenges the conventional wisdom that medical settings and individual choices are solely responsible for people's health. The Endowment believes that health happens in neighborhoods, schools, and with prevention. For more information, visit The Endowment's Web site at [www.calendow.org](http://www.calendow.org).

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