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Sacramento Metro Chamber of Commerce Hires Robert W. Heidt, Jr. as President & Chief Executive Officer

SACRAMENTO, CA – The Sacramento Metro Chamber of Commerce announced today that Robert W. Heidt, Jr. will serve as the next President & Chief Executive Officer of the organization. He will take the position in early January 2024. Heidt currently serves as the President & Chief Executive Officer of the Glendale (Arizona) Chamber of Commerce. Heidt replaces Amanda Blackwood who announced her departure from the Chamber earlier this year, after serving as the Chamber’s CEO for nearly six years.

Darrell Teat, President & CEO of Safety Center, and Chair of the Chamber’s board of directors chaired the Chamber’s eight-member Search Committee that worked with Waverly Partners, a national executive search firm, to conduct a search that included candidates from the local, statewide, and national marketplace. In the announcement, Teat said “We are fortunate to have a talented and respected leader such as Robert assume the role of President & CEO of the Sacramento Metro Chamber. Robert’s track record of enhancing organizational culture, developing genuine community relationships, and designing services that add value to our membership will certainly create significant momentum for the Chamber as soon as he arrives in Sacramento at the start of the new year. We are certain Robert will seamlessly integrate into the region and quickly carry forth the advocacy our business community needs during this critical time. I would like to thank the Chamber Staff, Board of Directors and Dave Roughton (Interim CEO) for their leadership and focus on serving our members throughout the transition.”

“I am very grateful for the opportunity to serve the Sacramento Metro Chamber and community,” said Heidt. “Leading a team of resolute professionals as we forge the next chapter in the Chamber’s history is an honor. The Chamber has successfully served the Sacramento Metro region for decades, I recognize this success and will work diligently to cultivate this tradition. I look forward to engaging community partners as we work on opportunities and champion accomplishments, and equally important, I am thrilled to call Sacramento home.”

Heidt currently leads the Glendale, Arizona Chamber, an organization comprised of more than 1,400 members in a community of over 250,000 located within the Phoenix



Metropolitan Area of 4.6 million. As the Chamber's CEO, Heidt works with a 20-member Board of Directors, 10 staff and manages a \$1.1+ million budget. He is responsible for all strategic and operational activities of the Chamber, which is the largest business organization in the West Valley and fourth largest chamber in the State of Arizona. The Glendale Chamber is a key partner to pivotal organizations throughout the region who have continued to lead economic development within the West Valley.

Heidt is an active board member of the Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives, where he serves as Chair of ACCE's Fringe Benefits and Insurance Board and is a member of the Leadership Diversity Program. He is also a member and past Board member of the Western Association of Chamber Executives and is currently Chair of the West Valley Chambers of Commerce Alliance.

Before joining the Glendale Chamber in 2013, Heidt was Chief Executive Officer of the Cape Ann Chamber in Gloucester, MA and earlier was Chief Operating Officer/SVP of the Austin (TX) Chamber and Director of Member Services & Community Relations for the Las Vegas (NV) Chamber. After serving in the U.S. Air Force, Heidt held several positions in casino marketing in Las Vegas before beginning his chamber career.

Heidt received an undergraduate degree from Minot State University and is a graduate of the Western Association of Chamber Executives Academy program.

For more information about the Sacramento Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce, please visit www.metrochamber.org.

About Sacramento Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce

The Sacramento Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce advocates for and supports the inclusive economic prosperity of our Capital Region by leading efforts for business. Established in 1895, Metro Chamber is the largest, most prominent, and established voice for business representing members and their workforce in El Dorado, Placer, Sacramento, Sutter, Yolo, and Yuba counties. The Metro Chamber provides businesses and individuals with the programs, services and advocacy needed to build vibrant communities, a ready workforce, connected region and strong business. For more information, please visit www.metrochamber.org.

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