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Santa Barbara Foundation Welcomes Tammy Sims Johnson as Vice President, Philanthropic Services

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY, CA – After an extensive national search, the Santa Barbara Foundation (SBF) is pleased to announce that Tammy Sims Johnson will join the Foundation as the new Vice President, Philanthropic Services. Tammy brings decades of experience from philanthropy, communications, grantmaking, and the private sector, most recently serving as Senior Philanthropic Advisor at the California Community Foundation in Los Angeles, CA.

“I believe in the power of community foundations to improve the quality of life for their residents, particularly vulnerable populations,” said Tammy Sims Johnson. “I am excited to build relationships with donors, advisors, and nonprofit partners in service of the vibrant communities across Santa Barbara County.”



Tammy Sims Johnson

Tammy will join the Foundation in April and oversee the Philanthropic Services Department of SBF, including development, donor services, donor relations, and communications teams. Before her time at the California Community Foundation, Tammy worked as a communications professional for the Los Angeles Unified School District and the Mayor’s Office of Los Angeles. She has also worked as a grantmaker for the Riordan Foundation and commercial real estate advisor in the private sector.



Tammy received her bachelor’s degree from the University of Southern California (USC) in journalism and her Master of Science degree in Social Entrepreneurship from USC’s Marshall School of Business. Additionally, she holds a Chartered Advisor in Philanthropy (CAP®) designation from American College of Financial Services.

“We are thrilled to have Tammy join our team of exceptional, mission-driven professionals” said Jackie Carrera, President & CEO of the Santa Barbara Foundation. “Tammy brings decades of experience in community service and philanthropy, making her uniquely qualified to provide strategic leadership in all areas of asset development and partnerships, working across our diverse portfolio of program areas. She will bring together our development and stewardship capabilities to ensure we remain at the forefront of innovation and impact in Santa Barbara County.”

To learn more about the Santa Barbara Foundation and their team please go to SBFoundation.org.

About Santa Barbara Foundation

The Santa Barbara Foundation, the largest community foundation in the region and the county’s go-to resource for investment and capacity-building, strives to ensure that all residents can thrive. Nearly every Santa Barbara County nonprofit organization and essential community project has been supported by the Foundation during its 94-year history.

The Foundation is working to improve areas that affect quality of life in Santa Barbara County, including support for basic needs, and addressing the concerns of the working family, including child care, workforce development, and workforce housing. The Foundation connects those who give with those in need - and all



who dream of stronger communities. To learn more, please visit SBFoundation.org and [SBF COVID-19 Impact Report](#) to learn more about our work during the pandemic.

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