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Domestic Violence Solutions Announces New Board Members

SANTA BARBARA, Calif., August 30, 2019 – Domestic Violence Solutions (DVS), Santa Barbara County’s only full-service provider of 24-hour emergency shelter and services for domestic violence victims, is pleased to welcome four new board members: Janet Drayer, Danielle Hazarian, Craig Leets, and Brett Weichbrod.

Janet Drayer joined the Domestic Violence Solutions Board in June 2019 and has also served on its Finance Committee since October 2016. She is a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) who started her finance career in Las Vegas, Nevada in 1998. She worked her way from a receptionist at a CPA firm to Vice President of Finance for Sansum Santa Barbara Medical Clinic in Santa Barbara, California. She graduated Magna Cum Laude from Colorado State University–Pueblo with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration and a Minor in Accounting. Shortly thereafter she obtained a CPA license in both Colorado and California and, later, became a California Public Notary. She maintains memberships with the AICPA, California Society of CPAs, AMGA and MGMA. Ms. Drayer’s finance experience extends from tax return and independent audit preparation to managing a budget for over 240 physician and other medical providers who work at Sansum Clinic. She previously sat on the Board of Directors of the Colorado Springs Pioneer Museum and was the Treasurer of the Pikes Peak Area Crime Stoppers. In May 2019, she served as co-chair for the American Heart Association’s 2019 Santa Barbara Heart Ball.



When she’s not buried in physician compensation, IRS Regulations and Generally Accepted Accounting Principles, she’s most likely traveling, golfing, walking with friends, or participating in Santa Barbara’s artistic community.



Danielle Hazarian is a Santa Barbara local who splits her time between Marketing at Palette Life Sciences and nonprofit work in Santa Barbara. She received a Bachelor of Science in Biology and Anatomy at California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo and has since become an expert in product marketing for multiple medical device companies in Santa Barbara.

Danielle’s volunteer experience began at a young age, as helping those in need has always been a passion for her. She has volunteered at Pacific Pride- SLO, The Greater West Hollywood Food Coalition, Transition House and most prominently served on the Board of Directors for the Junior League of Santa Barbara for eight years. Her most recent position was President and Chairman of the Junior

League, 2017-2018, during the time that the League opened the first shelter for young victims of sex trafficking in Santa Barbara County, SAFE House Santa Barbara.

In her free time, she enjoys traveling, hiking, playing tennis, spending time with her dog, IceMan, and baking delicious goods for friends and family.



Craig Leets has been doing LGBTQ advocacy work on college campuses since 2006. He came to Santa Barbara in July 2018 to lead UCSB's Resource Center for Sexual and Gender Diversity. Prior to moving to the area, Craig served as the Director of Queer Student Services for the Queer Resource Center at Portland State University (PSU) in Portland, Oregon. During his time at PSU, Craig served on the Community Advisory Committee for the LGBTQ Program at Bradley Angle, an organization serving all people affected by domestic violence in Portland. Before PSU, Craig worked at Penn State University as the Assistant Director for the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, and Ally Student Resource Center. Before working at Penn State, Craig was a Resident Director at the University of Maryland, College Park (UMD). Also, he completed his Master of Arts degree in Counseling and Personnel Services with a focus in College Student Personnel while at UMD. Before moving to Maryland, he attended Chapman University in Orange, CA, and received a Bachelor of Arts in Communication Studies with a minor in Leadership and Organizational Studies. Craig is originally from Las Vegas, Nevada, and loves coffee, movies, and spending time with Pumpkin, his French bulldog.

Brett Weichbrod is a Partner and Wealth Manager at AmeriFlex Financial Services. He is a graduate of the University of San Diego and earned his Master of Science in Business, with a finance focus, from Pepperdine University. His experience includes over six years of working for Pacific Investment Management Company (PIMCO), where he worked with institutional investors building fixed income portfolios and strategies. However, he began his career in Newport Beach at Canterbury Consulting, where he built an expertise in analyzing and providing recommendations within small corporate retirement plans and nonprofits. Since 2014, Brett has enjoyed working as a wealth manager in the Santa Barbara area. During this time, he has developed a passion for educating and working with individuals and nonprofit organizations alike. Currently he sits on the board of Santa Barbara Executive Roundtable (SABER), Girsh Park, and Domestic Violence Solutions. Brett holds a securities Series 7, 65, 63, and insurance license.



These individuals will join the current Board of Directors for Domestic Violence Solutions, a 42-year-old non-profit organization dedicated to ending the cycle of domestic violence by providing prevention and intervention services, emotional support and advocacy to those in crisis, and playing a leadership role in effecting social change throughout Santa Barbara County.

Domestic Violence Solutions for Santa Barbara County provides the county's only 24-hour shelter services for victims and their children, as well as transitional housing programs for domestic violence survivors. DVS also operates four 24-hour hotlines; accompanies law enforcement on domestic violence calls; works to prevent domestic violence through teen outreach and education programs; and provides comprehensive counseling services to men, women, and children affected by domestic violence. For more information, please call 805-963-4458 or visit our website at www.dvsolutions.org.