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**United Way of Ventura County welcomes new board members and officers**

*Dr. Lisa Buono will now serve as nonprofit's board chair*

**Ventura, Calif.** (June 29, 2022) — As of July 1, 2022, United Way of Ventura County is welcoming several new members and officers to its board. Dr. Lisa Buono, dean of California Lutheran University's School for Professional & Continuing Studies, will be succeeding Dr. Greg Gillespie as board chair, a position she will hold until June 30, 2023.

"I'm honored to be selected as United Way of Ventura County's next board chair," Buono said. "I look forward to collaborating with my fellow board members and the rest of our amazing team at the United Way as we continue our mission of helping Ventura County thrive through efforts focused on improving education, financial stability and health for our community."

Other members of the new board leadership team include Nancy Grygiel, senior vice president and chief compliance officer at Amgen, as chair elect and audit committee chair; Sierra Gutierrez, eastern regional director at Premier America Credit Union, as secretary; Brad Whetten, commercial banking lender at Wells Fargo, as treasurer; Midge Campbell-Thomas, senior vice president of global technology and operations at Band of America, as immediate past chair; and Jill Haney, vice president and branch manager at Montecito Bank & Trust, as board development chair and Chairman's Circle chair.

Additional new members of the board include Jill Bray, director of diversity, equity and inclusion at Southern California Gas Company, and Rachel Buchenroth, Oxnard plant manager at Procter & Gamble Paper Products Company.

Outgoing board members include Marvelle Berry, Oxnard plant manager at Procter & Gamble; Dr. Greg Gillespie, chancellor of Ventura County Community College District; and Tom Konkel, Central Coast division manager at UPS.

"To all of our outgoing board members, thank you for the tremendous hard work and dedication you have shown throughout your service," said Mitchel Sloan, president and CEO of United Way of Ventura County. "You have all made a lasting, positive impact on our community. I'd also like to extend a special thanks to Greg Gillespie, whose leadership as chair over the past year has helped our organization improve so many lives here in Ventura County."

United Way's volunteer Board is a dynamic group of community leaders representing diverse fields of expertise including business, education, financial, legal, and health care. To learn more, visit [www.vcunitedway.org](http://www.vcunitedway.org).

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