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Lafayette Library and Learning Center Foundation Appoints New Executive Director Carol Varney

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LAFAYETTE, CA, January 22, 2024 – The Lafayette Library and Learning Center Foundation (LLLCF) Board of Trustees is pleased to announce they have selected Carol Varney as the new Executive Director of the LLLCF.

Carol's extensive background as a strategic and innovative executive director of nonprofit organizations, combined with keen development skills and a deep passion for promoting community-based programming, will help further advance the impact of the Lafayette Library and Learning Center which celebrates its 15th anniversary this year. Lisa Spiegler, LLLCF Board of Trustees immediate past president says, "Our board and transition team unanimously agreed that Carol's vast experience, as well as her commitment to the Foundation's mission and impact, make her the ideal leader for LLLCF. We are so excited about the possibilities that lay ahead under Carol's guidance, and we can't wait to start working with her as we embark on this new chapter."

Carol assumed the role January 22, 2024, and will manage day-to-day operations for the Foundation, the mission of which is to sustain the Lafayette Library and Learning Center as a community place and regional resource that offers enriched experiences for all ages. Carol will work in partnership with Foundation board and staff, the Library Manager, Friends of the LLC, and the City of Lafayette to ensure the library continues to evolve to meet the dynamic needs of its patrons. She will also oversee fundraising activities, managing fiscal resources efficiently and effectively; lead stakeholder engagement initiatives to deepen the library's ties within the community; and develop an operating plan based on shared mission, vision and values to benefit all who access the library. "It's an honor to hold this position in Lafayette. I look forward to meeting the community and learning how LLLCF can continue to grow its role in supporting enriching experiences for all," she said.

Carol previously served as interim Executive Director of Economic Hardship Reporting Project. Prior, she was Executive Director of TimeSlips, an international arts and health organization; Arts Foundation for Tucson and Southern Arizona; and Bay Area Video Coalition where she served for ten years, growing the organization into a community hub and resource for media makers in the Bay Area and nationally, serving thousands of filmmakers, jobseekers, activists, and artists every year.

Carol holds a B.A. in Cultural and Feminist Studies from Hampshire College in Amherst, MA. She served for eight years as a Trustee of the college and currently serves on its Change in the Making campaign committee. She is also a member of the Advisory Board of SPACE Gallery in Portland, Maine.

