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## **The San Diego Foundation Announces Leadership Change**

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**June 26, 2018 – San Diego, CA** – The San Diego Foundation Board of Governors announced today that Kathlyn Mead is no longer Chief Executive Officer and President of The San Diego Foundation.

Mead was named CEO in July 2014. Previously, she was Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer at The California Endowment.

The CEO transition will be managed by The San Diego Foundation Board of Governors. Vice Chair and Board Secretary Kay Chandler will voluntarily serve as interim CEO during the short-term transition. Immediate Past Chair Connie Matsui will voluntarily serve thereafter as Interim CEO until a permanent CEO and President is identified. Board member Cliff Schireson will serve as Chief Operating Officer. Constance Carroll will continue to serve as Board Chair. The CEO search process is currently being finalized.

The San Diego Foundation maximizes the impact of charitable giving throughout the San Diego region, mobilizing philanthropic resources to advance quality of life, increase social impact and champion civic engagement. In 2017, The Foundation awarded \$50.9 million in grants to nonprofit organizations strengthening our communities. With 48 employees and assets of \$811 million, including a \$502 million endowment, the community foundation is resilient and financially strong. For more than 40 years, The Foundation and its donors have granted more than \$1 billion to grow a vibrant San Diego region.

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