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Kinkini Banerjee and Joe DeVries Appointed to Alameda Health System Board of Trustees

*Longtime Healthcare Leader, Oakland City Official Bring Experience in Policy Advocacy,
Coalition-Building to Leading Regional Health System*

OAKLAND, CA – Alameda Health System (AHS) announced that Kinkini Banerjee and Joe DeVries have been appointed to the AHS Board of Trustees by the Alameda County Board of Supervisors. Ms. Banerjee is a public health consultant based in San Leandro and Mr. DeVries is Neighborhood Services Supervisor for the City of Oakland.

“Ms. Banerjee’s passion and commitment to community is demonstrated by a lifetime of advocacy for better public health infrastructure and policies at the local, state and federal levels,” said Kirk E. Miller, President of the Board of Trustees. “Her experience building transformational partnerships as a method of reducing health care disparities will provide continued momentum to our own mission of caring, healing, teaching and serving all.”

“Mr. DeVries has dedicated more than 20 years to serving his community as a grassroots organizer, political activist, and now city official,” continued Miller. “His concern for community issues in the East Bay and experience advocating on behalf of important health initiatives such as Measure A will help AHS continue expanding access to top quality, accessible and affordable care.”

Nominated by Alameda County Supervisor Wilma Chan, Ms. Banerjee is Principal at Sage Transformations, a public health consulting firm in San Leandro. She also works with the United States Breastfeeding Committee on a national initiative to build capacity in state, territorial, and tribal breastfeeding coalitions. Ms. Banerjee previously worked on policy and advocacy issues at the California WIC (Women, Infants and Children) Association. She has also managed a large WIC program in New York. Ms. Banerjee began her career as a dietitian in Sion Hospital in Mumbai, India. She has a Masters in Nutrition from Washington State University.

Ms. Bannerjee’s experience also includes serving as President of the Board of Trustees of Building Futures with Women and Children, an agency that provides housing, safety and stability to homeless and domestic violence survivors in Alameda County.

Nominated by Alameda County Supervisor Nate Miley, Mr. DeVries serves in the Oakland City Administrator’s Office coordinating multi-agency response teams to address neighborhood concerns in the areas of Public Safety and Public Works. Mr. DeVries also represents the City Administrator in several community engagement efforts and serves as staff to the Community Policing Advisory Board, the City-County Neighborhood Initiative, and the City’s Cannabis Regulatory Commission.

Mr. DeVries previously served for eight years as Field Director to Alameda County Supervisor Nate Miley. He was responsible for the development of health care, public protection, and land use policies, as well as community activities in the Supervisor’s district. He also worked on local and statewide ballot measures addressing single-payer health care, patient protection, auto insurance, drug policy, and homelessness reduction.

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About Alameda Health System

Alameda Health System (AHS), a major public health care provider headquartered in Oakland, California, is recognized as a world-class patient and family centered system of care. Its mission – caring, healing, teaching and serving all – sums up the AHS core objectives to promote wellness and eliminate disparities within the diverse communities it serves in Alameda County. As a regional and national leader in health care safety and excellence, AHS aims to optimize the health of all Alameda County residents by multiplying access points to its best-in-class care.

AHS creates positive patient experiences. Service and community engagement are a priority, and the system offers programs that deliver value to individuals across all patient populations regardless of their social or economic status. Quality, financial strength and development of the workforce are also system hallmarks that ensure continual improvement to every aspect of our reach in the community.

A major economic force in Alameda County, AHS employs 3,800 people, including over 800 physicians at eight facilities. These include Highland Hospital, a major regional trauma center and teaching hospital; San Leandro Hospital, which provides emergency and inpatient hospital care services; John George Psychiatric Hospital, an acute and emergency care facility in San Leandro, California; Fairmont Hospital, an acute rehabilitation hospital and skilled nursing facility, also in San Leandro; and four ambulatory wellness centers in Oakland, Newark and Hayward, California.