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PRESS RELEASE

Dr. John Calderone Named Board Chair of Gateways Hospital and Mental Health Center

Bringing over 18 years of board experience, Dr. Calderone will lead the Board of Directors through 2024

LOS ANGELES, CA – May 29th, 2024 – The Gateways Hospital and Mental Health Center Board of Directors has selected Dr. John Calderone as its new Board Chair.

"I am deeply honored to be named Chair of the Board of Directors at Gateways Hospital and Mental Health Center. This role presents a profound opportunity to contribute to the advancement of mental health services and to positively impact our community. I am committed to upholding our mission of providing comprehensive and compassionate care, and I look forward to continuing to work collaboratively with our dedicated board of directors and the executive team to innovate and expand our services to meet the growing needs of those we serve," said Dr. John Calderone.

Gateways is a safety net hospital, providing accessible mental health care services, regardless of an individual's ability to pay, for over 70 years in Southern California. Since 1953, Gateways Hospital and Mental Health Center, a non-profit organization, has been a stronghold in providing comprehensive mental health services and programs administered by a team of qualified healthcare professionals at 9 campuses throughout Southern California. Tucked into the Echo Park community in the City of Los Angeles, the main hospital building currently houses 55 beds specializing in mental and behavioral health services to the most vulnerable populations, including chronically unhoused individuals, regardless of their ability to pay. Currently, Gateways serves an average of 1,700 individuals each year, including 525 adults and adolescents who receive inpatient care.

"We are pleased to announce that Dr. John Calderone has been inducted as the new Chair of the Board of Directors. Dr. Calderone brings a wealth of experience and a deep commitment to our mission of expanding mental health resources," said Dr. Phil Wong, CEO of Gateways. "In Dr. Calderone's previous roles, he demonstrated exceptional leadership and a strong dedication to healthcare. We are confident that his leadership will continue to guide Gateways Hospital towards a future of growth and excellence."

Gateways expresses its heartfelt appreciation to outgoing Board Chair Barry Steinhardt for his years of exemplary service on the Board.

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About Gateways Hospital and Mental Health Center: <u>Gateways Hospital and Mental Health Center</u> is a non-profit organization located in Echo Park that has been serving the Greater Los Angeles area since 1953. Gateways offers an array of comprehensive mental and behavioral health services for adolescents,

transitional-aged youth, and adults. For more information, visit <u>gatewayshospital.org</u> or call (323) 644-2000.