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SANDRA DAY O'CONNOR INSTITUTE ANNOUNCES NEW BOARD MEMBERS

May 4, 2016 16 (PHOENIX, AZ) – The Sandra Day O'Connor Institute has named three members to its Board of Directors, **Chevy Humphrey**, **Mi-Ai Parrish** and **Gay Wray**, each appointed to a three year term:

Chevy Humphrey is the President and CEO of the Arizona Science Center, a position she has held since 2006. Before joining the Science Center, Chevy served as the director of development for The Phoenix Symphony and held similar positions at the University of Houston, the University of Texas at Austin Performing Arts Center and The Houston Symphony. At the Arizona Science Center, Chevy oversees the \$12 million operation of the 164,000-square-foot facility with more than 330 employees and volunteers. Each year, more than 500,000 visitors, including 167,000 Arizona schoolchildren, visit Arizona Science Center. Along with her work at Arizona Science Center, Chevy has served on local, state, national and international boards and committees.

Gay Firestone Wray was a leader in the establishment of O'Connor House, initially helping to relocate the original adobe home, and has supported its many projects and programs over the years. She is a philanthropist with a long history in leadership roles, including the Smithsonian National Board, as well as other notable philanthropic organizations. Gay is President of the Roger S. Firestone Foundation, an advisory trustee of the Phoenix Country Day School, a life member of the Barrows Neurological Institute, and a member of Hospice of the Valley. She is a former director of Bank of America, Arizona, and her past philanthropic associations have included the Phoenix Zoo Auxiliary, Charter 100, Senator's Cup, Valley Shakespeare Theatre, and Christ Church Memorial Garden.

Mi-Ai Parrish is President and Publisher of Republic Media which includes the Arizona Republic and azcentral.com. Mi-Ai previously served as President and Publisher of The Kansas City Star Media Company and Idaho Statesman. Mi-Ai is a two-time Pulitzer Prize juror, a longtime member of the Asian American Journalists Association, and was named one of the 100 Most Important Minority Journalists of the Last Century. She has a bachelor's degree in journalism from the University of Maryland and was inducted into the Alumni Hall of Fame in 2013.

"We are delighted to have extraordinary leaders Chevy and Mi-Ai join our O'Connor Institute Board," stated Board Chairman Peter M. Hayes. "We are also delighted that Gay Wray, a founding Board member of the Institute, rejoining our Board as Advancement Chairman, he added.

Additionally, **Joseph P. Anderson** and **Alan Day** have been named to the O'Connor Institute Advisory Board, joining Ambassador Barbara Barrett, Bert Getz, Kim Sterling-Heflin and Lucia Howard. "The three new Board members and our two new Advisory Board members are outstanding additions for the Sandra Day O'Connor Institute," added O'Connor Institute President and CEO Sarah Suggs.

Joseph P. Anderson is the former Chairman and CEO of Schaller Anderson, Incorporated, a national health care management and administrative services organization that he co-founded in 1986. Schaller Anderson was acquired by Aetna, Inc. in July 2007 and at that time had more than 1,700 employees nationwide and served

1.3 million people. He is past board president of the Central Arizona Shelter Services and served on the Dean's Council of 100, a select group of prominent business leaders who provide support for the W. P. Carey School of Business at Arizona State University. A member of the Phoenix Aviation Advisory Board, he also serves on the ArchCare Board of Trustees to fulfill Archdiocese of New York the health care mission. Currently, Joseph is founder and chairman of Benovia Winery in Sonoma County, California.

Alan Day, brother of Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, said he was destined to be a cowboy from the day he was born. Alan is part of the third generation to grow up on the 200,000-acre Lazy B cattle ranch straddling the high deserts of southern Arizona and New Mexico. The ranching and cowboy lifestyle appealed to him so greatly that after graduating from the University of Arizona, he returned to manage Lazy B for the next 40 years. During his career, he received numerous awards for his dedicated stewardship of the land. Alan and his sister, Sandra Day O'Connor, co-authored the New York Times bestselling memoir, *Lazy B*, which chronicles the story of the Day family and growing up on a harsh yet beautiful southwestern ranch.

O'Connor Institute Board Officers for the 2016/2017 year are **Chairman Peter M. Hayes**, Salt River Project Associate General Manager & Chief Public Affairs Executive; **Vice Chairman Deborah Bateman**, Executive Vice President, National Bank of Arizona as Vice Chairwoman; **Secretary Dick Silverman**, of Counsel for Jennings Strouss & Salmon; and **Treasurer John Evancevich**, SRP Audit Projects Manager.

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