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## **BREATHE LA Board of Directors Adds Four New Members**

**LOS ANGELES**—BREATHE LA announces the appointment of four new members of its Board of Directors, as well as the full slate of officers and board members for 2019.

Joining the Board of Directors are **Hank Casillas, Anita Quiñonez Gabrielian, Diana Guth, and Alexis Wiley.**

BREATHE LA Board of Directors Chair Lawrence Lebowsky announced, “I am pleased to welcome our four newest members to our Board of Directors. They each bring a depth of experience as industry leaders in the corporate arena and Los Angeles business communities. As an organization we look forward to learning from their diverse perspectives and talents. ”

**Hank Casillas**, formerly the Division Vice President at CVS Health, offers more than 30 years’ experience in the food and drug industry. He brings, planning, implementation and execution experience to BREATHE LA. One of the programs Hank is most proud of is his role in helping CVS Health eliminate the sales of tobacco from 8,000 locations in a single day. And, in his last role, Hank oversaw store operations for 2,100 stores in the Western States that helped over seven million customers and patients a week on their path to better health. Hank is excited about the opportunity to advance the mission of BREATHE LA and invest more time on philanthropic endeavors in Southern California .

**Anita Quiñonez Gabrielian**, is co-founder and Partner of CG Benefits Group, an employee benefits and insurance services firm. Prior to starting her own business, she had a 33-year-long distinguished career at AT&T, where she retired as Regional Vice President of External Affairs for the Los Angeles Market Area. She also served as an elected Trustee for Glendale Community College for 15 years including serving three terms as President of the Board. She has served the community in many other prominent roles, including as Chairwoman of the Board of Glendale Memorial Hospital and the San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership. She is currently Chairwoman of the Board of the Mexican American Opportunity Foundation, and also serves on the Glendale College Foundation Board, the Glendale Unified School District’s Adelante Latinos Committee, and on the Advisory Boards of HOPE, USC Latino Alumni Association, Glendale Latino Association and Cal State LA’s Pat Brown Institute for Public Affairs.

**Diana Guth**, BA, RRT, is owner of Home Respiratory Care. For the last 24 years, Home Respiratory Care has specialized in treating people who have sleep disorders & providing noninvasive ventilation to people with neuromuscular disorders. Guth is active in numerous professional organizations, including the American Association for Homecare and the American Association for Respiratory Care. She has served for many years on BREATHE LA's Programs and Research Committee and has been an ongoing member of the Trudeau Society, BREATHE LA's educational arm for lung health professionals.

**Alexis (Lexi) Wiley** is Director of Communications and Media at Gladstein, Neandross & Associates (GNA), North America's leading clean energy and transportation consulting firm. Wiley manages strategic communications campaigns for GNA's clients to support the development of environmental programs that improve air quality, and increase the use of advanced technologies and clean fuels in a variety of sectors. She plays a key role in growing the firm to provide creative solutions for multifaceted initiatives, including annual conferences and tradeshows the firm produces, such as the Advanced Clean Transportation (ACT) Expo.

BREATHE California of Los Angeles County (BREATHE LA) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization promoting clean air and healthy lungs through research, education, advocacy, and technology. BREATHE LA provides asthma, COPD (Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease), and environmental health education and empowerment programs to communities most impacted by alarming chronic lung disease rates and suffering from the region's air quality, which is the poorest in the nation.

First formed in 1903 as an independent lung health organization called the Los Angeles Society for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis, the organization has changed its name several times since then. It rebranded itself in 2006 as BREATHE LA with a renewed focus as an independent lung health organization working to address Southern California's specific air quality and health needs. The organization continues to pursue its mission of achieving clean air and preventing lung and other air pollution-related diseases by educating the public, partnering with youth, advocating public policy, and supporting lung health research.

To learn more about BREATHE LA, visit [www.breathela.org](http://www.breathela.org).

The full slate of board members for 2019 is listed below:

**BREATHE California of Los Angeles County (BREATHE LA)  
Board of Directors  
(as of March 7, 2019)**

**Officers of the Board**

**Lawrence M. Lebowsky, Esq., *Chair***  
Attorney-at-Law, Law Office of Lawrence M. Lebowsky

**Cynthia C. Carter, *Secretary***  
City of Los Angeles (retired)

**Eugene A. Port, M.P.H., *Treasurer***  
Occupational Health Specialist (retired)

**Steven L. Bryson, Esq., *Immediate Past Chair***  
Attorney-at-Law, Law Office of Steven L. Bryson

**Members of the Board**

**Yossef Aelony, M.D.**  
Clinical Professor of Medicine (Pulmonary)  
Harbor-UCLA Medical Center

**Robert Berliner, Esq.**  
Of Counsel, Brooks Kushman P.C.

**Hank Casillas**

**Andrea M. Caster, Esq.**  
Attorney & Counselor at Law  
Law Office of Andrea Merrell Caster

**Mario Chavez**  
Director of Government Affairs  
St. John's Well Child & Family Center

**Larry Chung**  
Director, Issues Management & Strategic Initiatives  
Disney Parks & Resorts

**Robert L. Duitsman, Esq.**  
Attorney-at-Law

**Anita Quiñonez Gabriellian**  
Partner, CG Benefits Group

**Diana Guth, BA, RRT**  
Owner, Home Respiratory Care

**Eileena James, M.B.A.**  
Golden State Insurance (retired)

**Lucy Labruzzo**  
Senior Vice President of Energy Infrastructure  
Cordoba Corp.

**Janet K. Leader, M.P.H., R.D.**  
Associate Director of Field Studies,  
Department of Community Health Sciences  
UCLA Fielding School of Public Health

**Lauren Nevitt, Esq.**  
Environmental Affairs Manager,  
Southern California Gas Company

**James M. Okazaki, P.E**  
Principal, Okazaki & Associates

**Jud R. Schoendorf, M.D.**  
Allergist, Healthcare Partners Medical Group

**Guy W. Soo Hoo, M.D.**  
Director, Medical Intensive Care Unit  
Pulmonary & Clinical Care Section  
West L.A. VA Medical Center

**Alexis Wiley**  
Director, Communications & Media  
Gladstein, Neandross & Associates

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