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### **Second Harvest Food Bank Announces Election of New Board Chair and Vice Chair**

*Bob Wolpert and Kate Klimow to lead Second Harvest board.*

Irvine, CA – (August 11, 2016) - Second Harvest Food Bank of Orange County's board of directors elected Bob Wolpert of Golden State Foods as its new board chair. Kate Klimow of University California, Irvine will serve as its Vice Chair. Both appointees take their leadership positions as Second Harvest implements its new strategic plan's Bold Goal to end hunger by closing Orange County's 60 million meal gap by 2025.

Bob Wolpert is the President of the Logistics Business Group and Senior Vice President of Golden State Foods, responsible for corporate strategy. He also is a board member and is on the executive committee of the *LeaderUp* Starbucks supply chain coalition which engages youth in leadership and early career opportunities.

Throughout his career Wolpert has advocated for corporate social responsibility in local communities, with a focus on engagements in the U.S., China and India. From bringing sanitary water to school children in China, to replacing hand-carried buckets with low-cost pumps for irrigation in India to working to ensure that children and their families have enough food to eat in Orange County, he engages and helps provide leadership to programs that strengthen communities.

"Bob's ability to provide hands-on strategic counsel and engage the Board in the strategic planning process and implementation to reach our Bold Goal, makes him ideally suited to serve as our next Board Chair," said Nicole Suydam, Second Harvest CEO. "I know I can count on Bob's business acumen and passion for service as he helps Second Harvest become a best in class food bank in the Feeding America network so we can better serve those in need."

Kate Klimow, who has been elected as Vice Chair of Second Harvest's board, is the Assistant Vice Chancellor, Community and Government Relations at the University of California, Irvine. In her role, Klimow provides leadership in developing and implementing programs and strategies to engage

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community and government leaders in support of campus priorities at the local, state and federal levels for UC Irvine's teaching, research and public service missions. In addition, she provides oversight to the Special Events and Protocol division in efforts that support the university's mission and priorities through significant university-wide and community events.

In addition to managing the Office of Community & Government Relations and administering the advocacy and community engagement programs for UCI, Klimow works collaboratively with senior administrators at UCI and the University of California Office of the President to maintain UCI's position as one of the most dynamic campuses in the University of California system.

"Kate is committed to our mission to end hunger and understands what it takes to develop strong relationships and partnerships with organizations and community leaders who can support our mission," said Suydam. "With her expertise in government relations and public policy, she's providing strategic advice for external relations and advocacy, as well as engaging other community leaders to make hunger a top policy priority."

Second Harvest has recently implemented a five-year strategic plan whose keystone is the Bold Goal to end hunger in Orange County where more than 335,000 men women and children are at risk of hunger. The Bold Goal aims to close the meal gap by increasing the number of meals provided to the hungry from 20.8 million a year in 2016 to 30 million a year by 2021.

#### **About Second Harvest Food Bank of Orange County**

Second Harvest Food Bank of Orange County is the largest nonprofit hunger relief organization in Orange County leading the fight to end hunger in our community. Second Harvest distributes donated, purchased and prepared foods through a network of 180 partner agencies in hundreds of locations throughout the county. Last year, Second Harvest provided enough food for more than 20.1 million meals, feeding more than 200,000 people each month. Every dollar donated to Second Harvest provides enough food for three meals for the hungry. Second Harvest is a member of Feeding America, a national hunger relief organization. For more information about our work and how you can help visit [FeedOC.org](http://FeedOC.org).

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