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Erin K. Pak Appointed as First 5 California Commissioner

Newest Commissioner brings wealth of experience and leadership to State Commission

(Sacramento, CA)—First 5 California proudly welcomes Erin K. Pak as the newest Commissioner to the California Children and Families Commission, also known as First 5 California. Funded by tobacco tax revenues, the Commission supports and promotes early learning, health, and quality child care for our youngest California residents.

“With Commissioner Pak’s background and experience, she adds a new voice that will benefit our state’s youngest children and their families,” says Executive Director Camille Maben. “Her leadership in Los Angeles’ low-income and underserved communities will serve her greatly as a Commissioner.”

Ms. Pak is the Chief Executive Officer of Kheir (Korean Health Education and Information Research Center), a Southern California non-profit operating clinics in Los Angeles. In addition, Ms. Pak serves on the Los Angeles City Ethics Commission, the California Advisory Board of Vision to Learn, and the President’s Joint Commission on the Los Angeles Unified School District Governance.

“I am proud and honored to serve as the newest member of the California Children and Families Commission,” said Commissioner Pak. “It is important we recognize and commit to promoting the mission of First 5 California, which establishes our young children and families as a top priority. We need to support and work with the community and our partners to provide opportunities for all children to succeed in school and in life.”

Ms. Pak has a strong background in organizational management and administration, strategic planning, budgeting and grants management, and policy development. Commissioner Pak earned her undergraduate and graduate degrees at the University of Southern California.

About First 5 California

First 5 California, also known as the California Children and Families Commission, was established after voters passed Proposition 10 in November 1998, which added a tax on tobacco products to fund education, health, childcare, and other services for children ages 0 to 5 and their families. Its programs and resources are designed to educate teachers, parents, grandparents, and caregivers about the critical role they play during a child's first five years – with the overarching goal of helping more California kids grow up healthy and ready to succeed in school and in life. For more information, please visit www.first5california.com.

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