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Karen Brodkin Elected Chair of L.A. Sports Council

FOX executive becomes first woman to chair organization

LOS ANGELES (October 17, 2013) — The L.A. Sports Council is pleased to announce today that Karen Brodkin has been elected to chair the organization’s board of directors. Brodkin is only the fourth person – and first woman -- to hold the title of chair since the inception of the Sports Council in 1988. Brodkin succeeds Alan Rothenberg in the position.

Brodkin is Executive Vice President, Business and Legal Affairs, FOX Sports Media Group (FSMG). She is responsible for managing all business affairs and related legal matters, overseeing a team charged with negotiating media rights acquisitions, as well as production, programming and talent agreements, on behalf of FSMG, including FOX Sports, FOX Sports 1 and the FOX Sports digital properties, including FOX Sports Go. She also manages the local media rights agreements between FOX Sports Regional Networks and its 45 MLB, NBA and NHL team partners.

Prior to joining FOX, Brodkin spent five years as an entertainment attorney at two Los Angeles-based entertainment firms, where her clients included Garth Brooks, Spike Lee, Warner Brothers, and New Line Cinema. She received a B.A. from the University of California, Berkeley, and her J.D. from University of California, Hastings College of the Law.

Brodkin previously served as a vice chair on the Sports Council’s 87-member board. “I look forward to building on the work done by the Sports Council under Alan’s chairmanship by growing the LA Sports Awards and by expanding the organization’s resources in order to bring more major special events to Southern California,” she said.

“Karen brings her business acumen and a passion for sports and Southern California to her new role with the Sports Council,” said Rothenberg.

Brodkin lives in Pacific Palisades, California, with her husband Chris Watson and son Quincy.

Rothenberg will remain one of the Sports Council’s officers in the position of Immediate Past Chair.

NOTE: Karen Brodkin’s color head shot is attached.

The Los Angeles Sports Council is a private, nonprofit organization that encourages economic and community development through the promotion of spectator sports programs in the Los Angeles and Orange County area, including support of our local teams and the attraction of events to the area.