WISE & Healthy Aging Appoints Two New Members to its Board of Directors

Laura Mosqueda, MD and Justin Joe, MPH Join the Nonprofit Organization

SANTA MONICA (Jan. 20, 2022) – WISE & Healthy Aging announced today the addition of Laura Mosqueda, MD of the USC Keck School of Medicine and Justin Joe, MPH, of Providence Hospitals to its board of directors.

“We are very pleased to welcome Dr. Laura Mosqueda and Justin Joe as the newest members of the WISE & Healthy Aging Board of Directors. Their wealth of experience in community service and advocacy on behalf of older adults will be invaluable as we work to address the needs of this growing population,” said Paul H. Watkins, JD, Chairman of the Board, WISE & Healthy Aging and President and CEO of Northridge Hospital Medical Center.

- **Laura Mosqueda, MD**, Professor of Family Medicine and Geriatrics and Professor of Gerontology at the USC Leonard Davis School of Gerontology is a widely respected authority on geriatric and family medicine, elder abuse and care of the elderly and underserved. She is also an expert on medical education curricula design, development and implementation. In addition to her roles as physician and professor at Keck Medicine USC in family medicine and geriatrics, Dr. Mosqueda is the director of the National Center on Elder Abuse, a federally funded initiative that serves as the nation's coordinating body and clearinghouse for information on research, training, best practices, news and resources on elder abuse, neglect and exploitation. She also serves as the principal investigator of an NIA-funded study to understand the causes of abuse of people with dementia and leads numerous other activities related to elder justice.

- **Justin Joe, MPH**, Director for Community Health Investment for three Providence Los Angeles Hospitals – Saint John’s Health Center, Little Company of Mary Medical Center Torrance and Little Company of Mary Medical Center San Pedro, has extensive experience leading community benefit programs and developing partnerships with local agencies that address needs in underserved neighborhoods. Justin has served in a variety of management roles in Community Health,
overseeing multiple programs on behalf of Providence that address the needs of vulnerable populations such as the Providence-Charles Drew University Community Health Worker Academy, the Vasek Polak Health Clinic (a clinic for uninsured and underinsured patients), and creating a CalFresh and Health Insurance Program which now enrolls more than 2,500 people a year into Medi-Cal, Covered California and/or CalFresh food benefits.

“We’re honored to be the beneficiary of Dr. Mosqueda’s expertise in healthcare, research and advocacy for the needs of older adults. Likewise, Justin’s proven track record in leading community benefit programs and developing partnerships with local agencies who assist the underserved greatly benefits our WISE team’s work, reflecting more than 30 years of community collaborations with Saint John’s Health Center,” said Grace Cheng Braun, MSPH, President and CEO, WISE & Healthy Aging. “We look forward to continuing our partnership with Providence in helping older adults successfully transition from acute care back to their homes.

Members of WISE & Healthy Aging’s Board of Directors can be found here.

About WISE & Healthy Aging
WISE & Healthy Aging is a multiservice, community-based nonprofit organization serving older adults and their families and caregivers throughout Los Angeles County. Headquartered in Santa Monica, the team at WISE & Healthy Aging works to advance the dignity and quality of life of older adults through leadership, advocacy and high-quality, innovative services.

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**Photo Caption:** Two newly announced board directors at WISE & Healthy Aging bring leadership and expertise in geriatric medicine, elder advocacy and community benefit programs. Shown left to right are: Laura Mosqueda, MD and Justin Joe, MPH.

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