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Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation Announces
New Additions to the Board of Directors

(SANTA BARBARA, CA) – The Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation (SBTHP) is pleased to announce the election of new community leaders to its Board of Directors. At the 55th Annual Meeting and Community Awards Presentation held on January 20, members and friends of SBTHP gathered in the Chapel at El Presidio de Santa Bárbara State Historic Park. The meeting featured a review of the 2017 Annual Report and the election of new Trustees. Members elected Cody Makela, Kristan O’Donnell, and Kyle Slattery to join the Board for a three-year term.

Cody A. Makela is a ninth generation Santa Barbara resident, born and raised. His family history dates back to the founding of the city. He attended the University of California at Santa Barbara where he earned a Bachelor of Arts in Business Economics. Cody is a Certified Financial Planner® practitioner with Arlington Financial Advisors. As a financial advisor he is dedicated to working with clients to plan, analyze and implement solutions in their financial lives. Cody has over seven years of experience in the financial industry spending four years with Charles Schwab & Co., Inc. as a Client Service Specialist. Cody enjoys surfing, spending time near the ocean, hiking, and biking. Cody lives in Goleta with his wife Patty and their two daughters.
Kristan O’Donnell is a graduate of the University of Southern California. She has supported numerous community organizations in San Juan Capistrano and more recently Santa Barbara, including Mission San Juan Capistrano, J.F. Shea Therapeutic Riding Center, Order of Malta, Casa Del Herrero, Music Academy of the West and the Santa Barbara Public Library Adult Literacy Program. She serves on the development committee for the Santa Barbara Historical Museum and as a board member for the California Patrons of the Arts in the Vatican Museums and the Santa Barbara Public Library Foundation.

Kyle Slattery is the Financial Reporting, budget and Cost Division Chief for the Santa Barbara County Auditor-Controller’s Office. He has a BA of Science in Business Administration with a concentration in Accounting, and Minor in Economics from California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, and a Nonprofit Leadership Certificate from Fielding Graduate University. Slattery has served as treasurer on many nonprofit boards, including the Arts Fund of Santa Barbara, Los Padres Forest Association and the Montecito Trails Foundation. He is a Certified Public Accountant, Certified Public Finance Officer and Certified Government Finance Manager.

The Board elected the following officers for a one-year term:

Debby Aceves, President
Kevin Nimmons, First Vice President
Anthony Grumbine, Second Vice President
Kevin Snow, Secretary
Terease Chin, Treasurer & Immediate Past President

ABOUT Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation (SBTHP)—For over fifty years the Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation (SBTHP) has worked to protect, preserve, restore, reconstruct, and interpret historic sites in Santa Barbara County. Founded in 1963 by Dr. Pearl Chase and other concerned community leaders, SBTHP operates El Presidio de Santa Bárbara State Historic Park—Santa Barbara’s 18th century birthplace—under a unique agreement with California State Parks. The State has purchased the building that housed Jimmy’s Oriental Gardens, providing an opportunity to interpret the history of Santa Barbara’s Asian American community in the Presidio Neighborhood. SBTHP owns and operates Casa de la Guerra, the 1820s
home of Presidio Comandante José de la Guerra and his family; the restored home is now a museum featuring original furnishings and rotating exhibits. In 2009, SBTHP signed an agreement with State Parks to manage and develop the Santa Inés Mission Mills, located near the town of Solvang, as a future California State Park. In 2011, SBTHP was awarded the Trustees’ Emeritus Award for Excellence in the Stewardship of Historic Sites by the National Trust for Historic Preservation. With the help of continuing education programs and exhibits, SBTHP strives to encourage community involvement and foster an appreciation for Santa Barbara County’s distinctive history. Learn more at www.sbthp.org.