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**AbilityFirst Announces New Chair of the Board of Directors,  
South Pasadena resident, David Saeta**

**PASADENA, CA** (January 25, 2022) AbilityFirst announces today, David Saeta, Executive Vice President with IDS Real Estate Group, has been elected as Chair of the Board, following Wendy Lees.

The new executive committee for 2022 includes David Saeta as Chair, Kathryn Sanders Platnick as Vice Chair, Randy Repp as Treasurer, Will Craig as Secretary and Willan Johnson as Member-at-Large. Also, on the Board of Directors is, Steve Brockmeyer, Joseph Brumfield, Mike Dokmanovich, Richard R. Frank, Lauren Hom, John Kelly, Joanne Kim, Anita Lawler, Wendy Lees, Francisco Navarro, M.D., Mary Spellman, Louis Teran, Harlan Thompson and Patricia Vick.

David is a third generation South Pasadena resident who studied Human Biology at Stanford University and went on to receive his MBA at the University of California Los Angeles. David is former South Pasadena Mayor, Councilmember and Planning Commissioner, an avid golfer and is passionate about volleyball.. He began his professional career as an National Director for the NCAA Volunteers for Youth program and has spent the last 30 years with IDS Real Estate Group.

“My support for AbilityFirst started when I organized a High School All-Star volleyball match that included a public service experience for the athletes. The All-Stars conducted a skills clinic for the AbilityFirst participants and it touched my heart to see these two groups working together.,” said Saeta. “Today, I am excited to continue to support AbilityFirst CEO Lori Gangemi and the entire team, supporting individuals with developmental disabilities.”

**About AbilityFirst**

AbilityFirst provides a variety of programs that have a common mission: to help people with disabilities realize their full potential throughout their lives. As we celebrate more than 96 years of service, we are focusing our efforts on programs that are proven to have the greatest impact on a person’s success: basic life skills enhancement through our children’s and adult programs; higher education and employment readiness; and independent living and social and recreational programming.

AbilityFirst looks beyond disabilities, focuses on the capabilities of each individual and breaks through any preconceived limitations, opening up a world of possibilities.

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