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AbilityFirst Announces new Board of Directors members

PASADENA, CA (February 8, 2022) AbilityFirst announces today that Joseph Brumfield, Joanne Kim, Anita Lawler and Francisco Navarro M.D., join the AbilityFirst Board of Directors. Each of the recently appointed board members represent a variety of experiences and professions and share a common goal of supporting children and adults with developmental disabilities.

Joseph Brumfield is the Vice President of Business Development for HopSkipDrive, a company that provides transportation solutions for schools and families. Mr. Brumfield is an alumni of the African American Board Leadership Institute (AABLI).

Joanne Kim is the President and Chief Executive Officer of CBB Bank, a community bank headquartered in Los Angeles' Koreatown.

Anita Lawler joins AbilityFirst as a community leader and philanthropist with over 25 years' experience in the banking industry, the majority of which in executive management and leadership roles.

Francisco Navarro M.D. is a board-certified psychiatrist and founder of Mind Health Institute, Pasadena. Dr. Navarro is on the faculty at UCLA and provides clinical supervision to Child and Adolescent Psychiatry In-training clinicians.

"I am delighted and proud to welcome these seasoned community leaders to the AbilityFirst Board of Directors, said Lori Gangemi, Chief Executive Officer. "Each individual brings a unique perspective and will directly impact our mission of helping people with disabilities achieve their personal best throughout their lives."

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. To learn more visit abilityfirst.org

To find a full list of the AbilityFirst Board of Directors, and to learn more about AbilityFirst programs and services, www.abilityfirst.org

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