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GIRLS INC. OF THE ISLAND CITY WELCOMES FIVE NEW MEMBERS TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

ALAMEDA, California—August 29, 2016—Girls Inc. of the Island City (GIIC) announces the addition of five new members to its Board of Directors. Catherine Atkin, President of the Board of Directors said “We are pleased and honored to welcome these smart, strong, and bold individuals into our organization. Each brings a valuable, unique set of skills and shares our passion for empowering girls and young women in Alameda.” GIIC Executive Director Christine Chilcott added, “We have 25 wonderfully diverse and talented board members and I look forward to the work we are going to do this year to continue supporting and strengthening the organization.”

The new members of the Board of Directors are:

Meredith Akers - Meredith is a long-time educator with a master’s degree in Moderate to Severe Disabilities. She is the founder and Executive Director of Ed Support Services based in Oakland which provides education and behavior services for people with special needs.

Juelle-Ann Boyer - Juelle-Ann has a long history with Girls Inc. of the Island City as both a supporter and former Board member and officer. Prior to her retirement in 2008, she served as the chief Financial Officer for the City of Alameda. Since her retirement, she has provided consulting services to the municipal community on financial issues.

Julie M. Conner - Julie is the Associate Campus Counsel for UC Berkeley, handling matters of intercollegiate athletics, performing arts, intellectual property, and business.

In addition to her professional life, she has been active as a volunteer in her daughters' lives including as a coach for Alameda Soccer, garnering both coach of the year and volunteer of the year awards.

Dexter Moore, Jr. - Dexter is the Associate Director of Programs at The Head-Royce School where his primary role is managing the Heads Up Program, a longstanding partnership with the Oakland Unified School District. He has been both a supporter and advocate for GIIIC and in his previous position at Encinal High School, he sought out a strategic partnership with GIIIC.

Claudia Page - Claudia has 27 years of experience in the health industry. Currently, she is an independent health care consultant working on implementation of the Affordable Care Act and health data privacy and security. Her connection to Girls Inc. includes serving as a volunteer with our sister affiliate, Girls Inc. of Alameda County, and being the parent of two Alameda Island Kids program participants.

About Girls Inc. of the Island City

Girls Inc. of the Island City (GIIIC) is an affiliate of Girls Inc, a national, nonprofit organization. Our mission is to inspire all girls to be strong (healthy), smart (educated), and bold (independent) through innovative programs, activities, and advocacy. Since 1964, we have empowered more than 24,000 girls in the city of Alameda to realize their potential as fearless, goal-oriented young women. Trained staff and volunteers build lasting, mentoring relationships in girls-only spaces that are physically and emotionally safe and where girls find a sisterhood of support with shared drive, mutual respect, and high expectations. GIIIC provides more than 25,000 hours of programming each year to girls ages 6 to 18. Our programs inspire girls and young women to grow and develop skills in the areas of science, math, technology, personal development, financial literacy, life skills, physical activity, and the arts—and to build successful frameworks for their futures. GIIIC alumnae go on to become savvy professionals, thoughtful leaders, and caring community advocates. Girls Inc. of the Island City also offers licensed childcare service (Alameda Island Kids) for both girls and boys at six elementary schools around Alameda, including Bay Farm, Earhart, Edison, Franklin, Lum, and Otis. For more information about Girls Inc. of the Island City, call (510) 521-1743 ext. 207, visit our website at www.girlsincislandcity.org and follow us on Facebook.