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United Way of Rhode Island Appoints Community Leaders to Board of Directors

Providence, R.I. (November 18, 2019) Six community leaders have been appointed to the United Way of Rhode Island (UWRI) Board of Directors for three-year terms. New to the UWRI Board of Director are Marcela Betancur, Brian Carroll, Jayne Donegan, Wendy Kagan, Joe Pierik, and Terence Sobolewski.

Marcela Betancur is the Executive Director of the Latino Policy Institute at Roger Williams University, where she advocates for policy solutions that focus on issues such as affordable housing and healthcare. She is also director of the RI New Leaders Council, vice president of the RI Latino Political Action Committee, and a policy associate with the ACLU. Marcela graduated from Rhode Island College.

A senior legal leader with broad operational, compliance and transactional experience, **Brian Carroll** is SVP, Senior Managing Counsel for Citizens Capital Markets (Citizens Financial Group). He is a graduate of Boston College and University of Pittsburgh School of Law, and holds a Master of Public & International Affairs from University of Pittsburgh Graduate School. He is a resident of Lincoln.

Jayne Donegan is Executive Counsel at Textron, Inc., where she advises on the company's public reports filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, as well as on corporate governance and corporate finance matters. She also represents Textron in a variety of major transactional matters, including securities offerings, financings, and mergers and acquisitions. A longtime Rhode Island lawyer, Jayne is a graduate of Dartmouth College and obtained her law degree from University of California at Berkeley.

A resident of Newport, **Wendy Kagan** is the EVP, Director of Employment & Community Engagement for BankNewport. She joined the bank in 2006 and is responsible for the management and oversight of the human resources, community relations, and marketing functions for BankNewport and its mutual holding company, OceanPoint Financial Partners, MHC and affiliates.

Joe Pierik is Vice President, Retail Leasing and Acquisitions with Carpionato Group, considered one of New England real estate's most prestigious development companies. He specializes in high-rise office and retail leasing, and sophisticated individual property and multiple properties transactions throughout New England. His clients have included build-to-suit transactions with companies such as Ford Motors and Target Corporation. Joe makes his home in Middletown.

Terence (Terry) Sobolewski is the president of National Grid Rhode Island. Prior to his current role, he held leadership positions in business planning, and sales and program operations. Previously, Terry led East Coast business development for SunPower Corporation, and worked for GE Capital in leadership roles. He is a veteran of the U.S. Navy, and completed training as a Naval Intelligence Officer while on active duty. Terry received both his B.S.E. in Mechanical Engineering and his MBA from Duke University.

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