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Angie Kim To Serve As Interim President and CEO of Center for Cultural Innovation Board To Continue Its Search for Permanent Successor

Los Angeles—Center for Cultural Innovation announced that Angie Kim will serve as Interim President and CEO as of July 15, 2014. Kim will transition to this position from her current role as Board Chair, and she will succeed CCI's current President and CEO Cora Mirikitani who will step down from this position at that time.

"It's a privilege to be entrusted with stewarding an organization that has made such a difference in artists' lives," Kim said, "And I look forward to working with CCI's strong networks of artists, partners, and funders in ensuring that creatives of all types will continue to be supported in exciting and relevant ways."

Kim joined the CCI Board in 2009 and was elected Chair in 2010. She began her career as an independent curator and gallerist and, thereafter, supported the arts as a grantmaker at the Getty Foundation and at Flintridge Foundation, which was known for its support of individual visual artists and ensemble practices. More recently, she was Director of Programs at Southern California Grantmakers, where she served networking, knowledge, and public policy needs of independent, family, community, corporate, and operating foundations. An expert in philanthropic practice, she has been a guest lecturer at the University of Southern California and Claremont Graduate University. In addition, she served on the board of directors of Leveraging Investments in Creativity and Grantmakers in the Arts and is currently a Council Member of Arts degree from Linfield College, Master of Art in art history from University of Southern California, and is currently pursuing her doctorate in public policy from Walden University.

"Angie has been a valued contributor to CCI as a board member and possesses an extensive background supporting artists, which make her an ideal leader in CCI's executive transition," said Lorna Latham, Board Chair. "She will continue to help us realize our vision that every artist is an entrepreneur and every artist's project a business enterprise. This is a unique approach introduced by Cora and one that Angie will help us continue to apply in meeting the needs of artists."

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About the Center for Cultural Innovation

Center For Cultural Innovation promotes knowledge sharing, networking and financial independence for individual artists and creative entrepreneurs by providing business training, grants and incubating innovative projects that create new program knowledge, tools and practices for artists in the field. With over 10 years of balanced budgets, steady operations, and a new strategic framework endorsed by the Board of Directors that focuses on incubating resources that support artists' sustainability, CCI is well poised for its next chapter.

For more information about CCI, please visit our Web site at www.cciarts.org or call (213) 687-8577. CCI's Board of Directors is conducting a search for a permanent successor and to inquire confidentially about this, please email <u>search@cciarts.org</u>

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