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LOS ANGELES BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS ELECT NEW PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT

LOS ANGELES — The Los Angeles Board of Police Commissioners today unanimously elected Commissioner Steve Soboroff as President, and Commissioner Matthew Johnson as Vice President.

Leadership elections on the Commission are held annually, with a President allowed to serve for a maximum of two consecutive years. The Board now consists of President Soboroff, Vice President Johnson, and Commissioners Sandra Figueroa-Villa, Cynthia McClain-Hill, and Shane Murphy Goldsmith.

“I am grateful for the trust and confidence that my fellow members of the Commission have placed in me, and for the opportunity to lead at a time when we are making extraordinary progress for the people of Los Angeles and the brave men and women of the LAPD,” said Soboroff. “We are going to continue moving forward — accelerating smart reforms, reinforcing our strong commitment to community and relationship-based policing, working harder to diversify the Department, and giving everyone who wears the badge the support and respect they deserve for their selfless, tireless work to protect and serve our communities.”

Today’s election marks the beginning of Soboroff’s second stint as President of the Police Commission. He was first elected President in 2013 after being appointed to the Commission by Mayor Eric Garcetti, and was elected Vice President in 2015.

Soboroff is a longtime business leader and philanthropist, with decades of experience in public service. He is past Chairman and CEO of Playa Vista, and a trustee of the Weingart Foundation. He is a senior fellow at the UCLA School of Public Policy, a member of the Board of Councilors to the USC School of Public Policy, and Chairman of the Center for the Study of Los Angeles at LMU. Soboroff is celebrating his 50th year as a Big Brother.

Vice President Johnson was also elected unanimously by his peers today, after serving the maximum two-year term as President.

“It has been a privilege to serve as President of the Commission,” Johnson said. “We have made incredible progress over the last few years — building new trust between officers and the communities they serve, giving our officers new and important training in use-of-force, de-escalation and implicit bias, increasing transparency and accountability, and working to make sure that every member of the Department has the tools and support they need for effective 21st century policing. I am honored to serve as Vice President, and want to continue being a voice for the spirit of civility, respect, and reconciliation that makes meaningful dialogue possible and our Department better.”

Vice President Johnson was appointed to the Police Commission in 2015, and was immediately elected President. He came to the Commission with years of experience as an attorney and advocate for underserved communities.

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