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## **Stafford and Stuart Appointed to Sacramento Small Business Development and Employment Advisory Board**

**SACRAMENTO, Calif., March 2, 2007** – The Sacramento Small Business Development and Employment Advisory Board has named Tracie Stafford as chairwoman and Molly Stuart as vice chairwoman.

Stafford is the owner and co-founder of Sacramento based Exceptional Events Inc. Stafford's company focuses on worldwide event promotion and planning. Prior to founding Exceptional Events, Stafford worked for a variety of Fortune 100 companies, including Netscape, where she held senior management positions and oversaw multimillion dollar product marketing campaigns and event planning. Stafford also sits on the California Small Business Board and the Sacramento Black Chamber of Commerce Board.

Stuart is a facilitator for organizations doing strategic planning, developing creative leaders and dealing with critical incidents. Clients include UC Davis Health Systems, Tennessee Valley Authority and the Calif. Community Colleges Chancellor's Office as well as individual leaders. Focusing on community development Stuart is certified in mediation and critical incident interventions and holds a law degree.

The Sacramento Small Business Development and Employment Advisory Board was established in 2000. It provides the mayor and City Council with recommendations for upholding nondiscriminatory practices in employment, contracting and purchasing. The board also provides the community with a forum to discuss these topics. In addition, the board monitors goals established by the City Council for complying with equal opportunity standards and works to increase awareness among community members of the need for diversity and inclusiveness in the areas of employment.

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