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Stevens to Lead SB Museum of Natural History's Planned Giving Advisory Council

SANTA BARBARA, CA—Denise Stevens has been named president of the Planned Giving Advisory Council at the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History.

Other members serving on the Planned Giving Advisory Council include Kristen Blabey, Mark A. Cooper, Brady Leck, Brett Piersma, Jackie Quinn, Kathie Scroggs, Suzi Schomer, Caroline Grange, and Rochelle Rose.

Stevens earned a dual bachelor's degree from UCLA and later an MBA from California Lutheran University. Following many years of work in the investment, financial, and institutional trust sectors for various Fortune 500 companies, Stevens opted to transfer her experience and skills to the non-profit arena. After moving to Santa Barbara in 2006, she worked for the planned giving department of a large nonprofit. In addition to her professional duties, she found time for hands-on volunteer work (e.g., animal adoptions, helping with fundraising events, training volunteers, etc.).

Retired in 2019, she and her husband enjoy supporting their philanthropic organizations, wine tasting, cooking, and exploring the Central Coast. After a 3 ½ week visit to New Zealand earlier this year (in the nick of time), she and her husband look forward to more travel in the coming years as well as renewed social time.

Stevens shares, "Giving, whether time, talent, friendship, a shoulder to lean on, or material support makes the world a better place in which to live. I suspect we have all had time of late to reflect on what is really important to us and what type of legacy we want to leave our families, our community and our world. I am excited to play a small part to help honor these goals."

For more information on the Museum's planned giving activities, visit sbnature.org/legacygiving.

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About the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History

Powered by Science. Inspired by Nature. Founded in 1916, the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History inspires a thirst for discovery and a passion for the natural world. The Museum seeks to connect people to nature for the betterment of both, and prides itself on being *naturally different*. For more information, visit <u>sbnature.org</u>.





SBMNH Planned Giving Advisory Council President Denise Stevens