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PAUL GRANILLO NAMED PRESIDENT & CEO OF INLAND EMPIRE ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP

Inland Empire, CA - The Inland Empire Economic Partnership (IEEP) has named **Paul Granillo** President & CEO, announced Dan Rendler, Chairman of the Board of IEEP and Director of Customer Services for Southern California Gas Company.

"I am looking forward to leading one of the most respected economic development organizations in California. As a lifelong resident of the Inland Empire, I welcome the opportunity to be a catalyst in helping our region return to California's most dynamic and growing region," Granillo said.

"Mr. Granillo is a well known and respected advocate for sustainable quality of life in the Inland Empire," said Rendler. "We look forward to his leadership and value his passion and drive to secure the capital and human resources needed in the Inland Empire."

"As Riverside County Supervisor and also a long-time friend, I have had the opportunity to observe the accomplishments and commitment of Paul Granillo for many years. He has proven his ability and leadership to the communities of both Riverside and San Bernardino counties and demonstrated concern and effectiveness across boundaries," said Marion Ashley, Riverside County Supervisor. "Mr. Granillo takes on the responsibilities of leadership with vigor and vision, passion and purpose. We can be assured that his tenure with the Inland Empire Economic Partnership will serve to bridge regions, connect the organizations and make heard the voices of citizens and business alike. He has my support and good wishes as he and IEEP

move forward in its mission to insure the economic vitality and quality of life for the area we all call home."

Granillo served as a priest in the Diocese of San Bernardino from 1997 to 2007 and was Priest Secretary to Bishop Gerald R. Barnes with responsibilities including Director of Communications and Director of External Relations for the 1.2 million member diocese that includes both San Bernardino and Riverside Counties. He has extensive background in communications, fundraising and special project management. Granillo led the creation and development of the first Diocesan Cemetery, Our Lady Queen of Peace in Colton and the construction of the Diocesan House of Prayer, Blessed Junipero Serra House in Grand Terrace. For the past year Mr. Granillo has served as Director of Alumni Relations at the University of Redlands, where he refocused the office's outreach to over 40,000 alumni located around the world.

"Paul Granillo has done a terrific job as Director of Alumni Relations, and although we hate to lose him, we are glad he is going to such an important organization and still within the Inland Empire," said Neil Macready, Vice President University Relations, University of Redlands and IEEP Board member. "Paul is a great fit for the CEO position at IEEP."

President Albert Karnig, California State University, San Bernardino commented, "Given his prior roles, Paul Granillo knows the Inland Empire intimately. Moreover, he has a wealth of experience in working with both small and very large institutions, motivating employees to perform at consistently excellent levels, serving constituents in sharply focused ways, and otherwise identifying strategies to successfully meet organizational goals."

Mr. Granillo will officially begin working at the IEEP on April 5th.

About the Inland Empire Economic Development Partnership

IEEP is the region's only private, non-profit regional economic development organization that promotes Southern California's Inland Empire with the purpose of enriching the region's economy. IEEP is comprised of some of the largest private and public industry players in San Bernardino and Riverside counties and many of the area's cities. The Partnership's mission is to create a strong and unified regional voice for developing the human, political and financial capital to support and enhance the economic vitality and quality of life in the Inland Empire.

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