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Providence Speech and Hearing Center appoints Janine Madera and Annette Buckel to Board

ORANGE, Calif., May 23, 2016 – Providence Speech and Hearing Center (Providence) is pleased to announce the appointments of **Janine Madera** and **Annette Buckel** to its Board of Directors.

Madera is a Senior Deputy District Attorney in the Gang Unit of the Orange County District Attorney's Office and has firsthand understanding of what Providence patients experience every day as she herself has a hearing impairment. She graduated from high school, college and UC Berkeley Boalt Hall School of Law with honors. After law school, she worked as a litigation associate with Latham & Watkins, LLP, the world's highest-grossing law firm, until 2004 when she joined the Orange County DA's Office.

Buckel is the Executive Director of Wellness for St. Joseph Health. She leads the organization's wellness initiative, which focuses on developing medical, wellness and fitness services to deliver directly to consumers where they live, work and play. She has over 10 years of experience in strategic planning, business development and healthcare operations.

"We are excited to add these community leaders to the Providence family. As our Board diversifies and strengthens, so does the entire organization along with the services we are able to provide," said Chief Executive Officer, **Linda H. Smith**, RN, BSN, PHN.

About Providence Speech and Hearing Center

Founded in 1965, Providence Speech and Hearing Center is the leading service provider to the speech and hearing impaired of Orange County, offering a wide-range of speech, hearing and language services to adults and children. The Providence family also includes Orange County Cochlear Implant Institute™, Orange County Fall Prevention and Balance Center and Word & Brown Hearing Center. The organization's mission is *Enriching Life Through the Gifts of Speech and Hearing*.

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