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FOUR NEW MEMBERS JOIN KCTS TELEVISION BOARD

SEATTLE— KCTS 9 welcomes four new board members to the KCTS Television Board. Sacha McLean and Lynne K. Varner were elected to the board on November 19, 2015 and Richard Linneweh and Carlos Olivares have been elected to the KCTS Television Board effective February 8, 2016.

"KCTS 9 is establishing a strong platform to grow our service to the community," said Stephen G. Welch, Chair of the KCTS Television board. "These new members represent a diverse cross-section of our community, each bringing a unique perspective. Their collective range of talents and expertise in the fields of film and television, journalism, community healthcare and education will be invaluable as we navigate our organization forward."

Sacha McLean, based in Vancouver, British Columbia, is President and Chief Executive Officer of McLean Ventures Ltd., the investment unit of the McLean Group. He is also Chairman of 50° North Productions, a scripted television production company. In addition, McLean is Vice Chairman, McLean Group, a second-generation diversified family holding company active in film and television studios, helicopter charters, real estate investment and communications. McLean is a member of the Executive Committee and Director of the Vancouver Board of Trade. He also sits on the Faculty Advisory Board of the Sauder School of Business at the University of British Columbia as well as the Board of Directors of West Point Grey Academy.

Lynne Varner is Associate Vice President for Advancement Relations and Communications Strategies at Washington State University. Varner joined the university in 2014 after a 25-year career in journalism reporting for such media outlets as United Press International, *The Washington Post* and the *Seattle Times*, where she was as an award-winning columnist and member of the Seattle Times Editorial Board. Varner serves on the board of the Seattle Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce. In 2003, Varner was one of 18 journalists worldwide awarded a John S. Knight fellowship to study race and politics at Stanford University in Palo Alto, Cal. She is the co-author of *Stories that Cover Us: Meditations and Fiber Art by the Pacific Northwest African American Quilters*.

Rick Linneweh held the position of President/CEO for 37 years at Memorial Family of Services (MFS)—a vertically integrated healthcare system serving the Central Washington Region. Under his direction the organization tripled in size, adding crucial health services for the community such as the Children's Village, an outpatient center for children with special health care or developmental needs. In addition to being a Fellow in the American College of Healthcare Executives, he served as Chairman of the Washington State Hospital Association; Chairman of the AHA Regional Policy Board for the states of Alaska, Washington, Oregon, California, and Hawaii; and he was a member of the American Hospital Association Board.

Carlos Olivares, who is based in Yakima, has served as the Executive Director of the Yakima Valley Farm Workers Clinic (YVFWC) since 1986. Under Olivares' leadership, Yakima Valley Farm Workers Clinic employs over 1,300 employees providing services to more than 165,000 people, with 19 medical sites, 10 dental sites, and an additional 14 program sites. Olivares is a nationally-recognized expert in the provision of cost-effective medical services for migrant workers, as well as for low-income uninsured and under-insured populations. Olivares' commitment to the health of farm workers and others has led him to positions on the National Association of Community Health Centers (NACHC), the Northwest Regional Primary Care Association, the Oregon Primary Care Association and the Washington Association of Community Health Centers.

Other members currently serving KCTS 9's board include: Chair: Stephen G. Welch, Vice Chair: Mary Snapp, Treasurer: Steve B. Loeb, Secretary: L. Michelle Wilson, and board members Joe Barer, Judi Beck, Matt Chan, Larry Estrada, Michael H. Hughes, Michael Humphries, Linda Killinger, Sharon Nelson, Geoffrey Plant, John Schoettler, Bonnie Towne, Blair Westlake, and Glenn Wong. Profiles on all of the directors may be found at www.kcts9.org/about/board-of-directors.

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