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COUNTY'S ANTI-POVERTY AGENCY NAMES NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Santa Rosa, CA – Effective July 30th, 2007 Mr. Oscar Chavez will head the 40-year-old Community Action Partnership of Sonoma County (formerly Sonoma County People for Economic Opportunity). Mr. Chavez succeeds Helga Lemke as Executive Director of Sonoma County's official anti-poverty agency.

Mr. Chavez has been a senior member of the management staff at Community Action Partnership of Kern overseeing the Marketing, Public Relations and Business Services divisions. Mr. Chavez is currently the Acting Executive Director of the Kern agency while the Director is on medical leave.

Board Vice President, Stephen Thomas stated, "Oscar brings with him great energy and passion for our mission, as well as the requisite knowledge and skills gleaned from many years of CAP service; we are excited about his ideas for the future of CAP Sonoma and our mutual interest in helping children and families realize their full potential."

The mission of the Community Action Partnership of Sonoma County (CAP Sonoma) is to partner with low-income families and individuals to help them achieve economic and social stability, to build community, and to advocate for social and economic justice. Each year the agency focuses on a different poverty related topic during its Annual Dialogue on Poverty, open to the community. This year CAP Sonoma, described by Press Democrat's Gaye Le Baron as "...arguably has been the most human service agency on the North Coast...", is celebrating its 40th anniversary.

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