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WALTER ALLEN JOINS ETTIE LEE BOARD

Prominent Covina Resident to sit on Ettie Lee Board of Directors

February 26, 2007 -- Ettie Lee Youth & Family Services announced today that Walter Allen, former Mayor of Covina and currently campaigning for one of two seats on the Covina City Council has been unanimously appointed to sit on the Board of Directors for Ettie Lee Youth & Family Services.

“With his background rooted in service, most recently with his appointment to the California Youth Authority (CYA), Walt Allen is an asset to our Board,” remarked Ron Bateman, Ettie Lee’s Board Chairman. “Walt understands our mission and our youth. He will help us to facilitate the success we have had in changing lives and building productive citizens.”

For the past 56 years Ettie Lee Youth & Family has served at-risk youth. Last year Ettie Lee served 271 unduplicated children: 197 boys age 8-18 in nine group homes and 74 boys and girls age 0-18 in 35 foster homes; 46% were Hispanic, 32% African-American, 16% Caucasian, 2% Asian/Pacific Islander, 4% mixed ethnicity; and over 97% were from low-income and/or disadvantaged families.

Ettie Lee operates a Foster Family Agency in Covina on Arrow Highway. It is specially licensed to find safe, loving homes for abused, abandoned and neglected children and to provide the children with therapeutic and other support services they need to heal.

Ettie Lee also operates group homes whose expertise is in serving older children – teenage boys (aged 13-18) – who are on probation. All of group homes are located in residential and semi-residential areas and provide family-style residential treatment that focuses on the importance of being active in the community to develop the skills for success in life.

Ettie Lee Youth & Family Services is a nonprofit child welfare agency serving the complex needs of at-risk youth who have been abused, neglected or abandoned. Its mission is to assist troubled youth who are in need of guidance and support to develop values and skills that will facilitate their success in life. Ettie Lee complies with the highest standards of Community Care Licensing, Los Angeles County Department of Children & Family Services, and Los Angeles County Department of Probation. Ettie Lee is accredited by the California Alliance for Children & Families and the Council on Accreditation.