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KIRSCH FOUNDATION APPOINTS SUSAN FRANK AS PRESIDENT & CEO

SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA – The Steven and Michele Kirsch Foundation announced Friday, June 8, 2007, that Susan Frank, who has been on staff at the Foundation for more than seven years, has been named President & CEO.

Susan replaces Kathi Gwynn, who joined the Kirsch Foundation as President & CEO and its first employee in 1999 and who is stepping down as of July 5 due to ongoing health concerns.

“Susan has been a tremendous asset to the Kirsch Foundation for her advocacy skills, strategic thinking and commitment to the Foundation’s vision and mission. The Board of Directors and I are extremely pleased that she will be leading the organization going forward,” said Steve Kirsch, Chairman of the Board. “I have enormous gratitude for Kathi’s leadership these past eight years, as she helped put the Foundation on the map for its unique approach to grantmaking and public policy.”

Susan has been Vice President, Public Policy, of the Kirsch Foundation, since February 2003. She joined the Foundation in 1999 as Director, Environmental Programs, and was named Director, Public Policy, in 2001. As a Vice President, she has directed the Foundation’s public policy lobbying and advocacy efforts, representing the organization on legislative and regulatory activities at various levels of government. Her primary policy focus has been at the statewide and regional level, advocating for improved air quality in California’s San Joaquin Valley. In addition, she has worked at the federal level in support of nuclear nonproliferation/disarmament and stem cell research.

Susan represents the Foundation through a variety of advocacy and lobbying groups including the Arms Control Advocacy Collaborative, California Clean Cars Coalition, Central Valley Air Quality Coalition, Environmental Entrepreneurs, Nuclear Weapons Working Group, and the Silicon Valley Leadership Group. She currently serves on the Board of Directors for the California League of Conservation Voters as well as the Coalition for the Advancement of Medical Research, a coalition dedicated to stem cell research-related issues.

Prior to joining the Kirsch Foundation, Susan served as President & CEO of the Palo Alto Chamber of Commerce for eight years. In addition to being the organization’s chief executive, she was integrally involved in developing chamber policy and legislative positions on a variety of issues including regional transportation concerns, land use issues, and environmental health and safety. Susan holds a Bachelor of Arts in English from Stanford University.

About the Steven and Michele Kirsch Foundation

The Steven and Michele Kirsch Foundation reflects the broad charitable commitments of its two founders, ranging from cleaning up the air in California to eliminating nuclear weapons to supporting local – Silicon Valley – organizations. The Foundation’s assets are approximately \$7 million.

The Foundation was formally established in 1999 within Community Foundation Silicon Valley (CFSV), which merged with Peninsula Community Foundation in 2006 to become Silicon Valley Community Foundation. The Kirsches had been active philanthropists since the early 1990s, however, through their donor-advised fund at CFSV.

The Kirsch Foundation is a registered 501(c)(3) charity and elects the safe harbor provision for lobbying activities since it engages both in grantmaking and public policy/advocacy efforts. On the web at www.kirschfoundation.org.