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**The California African American Museum Announces Four New Board Members,  
A Move That Will Complement the new Organizational Structure at the State  
Funded Institution**

**LOS ANGELES (February 26, 2016)** The California African American Museum (CAAM) announces four new additions to their State Board of Directors, appointed by California Governor Brown – Cornelious Burke of Sacramento; Victor Griego of South Pasadena; Terri Holoman of Tarzana; and Bari A. Williams of Oakland.

“We are very pleased with the Governor’s new board appointments and look forward to their contributions and commitments,” says CAAM’s State Board of Directors President Todd Hawkins. “Each of our board members bring a different set of skills and experience that will be leveraged to help further the development and sustainability of this great institution.”

Board President Todd Hawkins was reappointed to CAAM’s board, along with Vice President Zna Houston. Additionally, Rev. Cecil “Chip” Murray will continue serving on the board. The new board balances and supports the organizational and structural changes that has set CAAM on an emergent path including the recent hires of Executive Director George Davis and Deputy Director of Exhibitions and Programs Naima J. Keith.

Cornelious Burke manages the Bay Area Council’s Sacramento office, a business-sponsored, public policy advocacy organization, where he has overseen state policy and legislation since 2014. Additionally, he serves as one of the Bay Area Council’s liaisons to the state Legislature and the Governor’s office. As a licensed relator, Burke also served as a real estate officer and special assistant to the Deputy Director of the Real Estate Services Division at the California Department of General Services. He earned a Master of Public Administration degree and Master of Planning degree from USC’s Sol Price School of Public Policy. Currently, Burke is a fellow in the Nehemiah Emerging Leaders Program, a member of the City of Sacramento Planning and Design Commission and class Ambassador for the Loyola Marymount University’s African American Alumni Association where he received bachelor degrees in public administration and urban studies.

Victor Griego is the founder and president of Diverse Strategies for Organizing Inc., a public affairs consulting firm that specializes in community relations, government relations and political consulting. Griego founded the company in 1991 and has

developed a strong network of relationships with civic, labor and political leaders across the state.

Terri Holoman was a realtor at R Hicks Realty, RE/MAX and Coldwell Banker. Additionally, she worked for Hughes Aircraft Company as a program controls analyst and project manager. Holoman is a member of the St. Anne's Foundation Board of Trustees, USC's Black Alumni Association Board and the Los Angeles Women's Public Policy Institute class of 2015.

Bari Williams has been legal counsel at Facebook Inc. since 2014. Prior to Facebook, Williams was counsel at the CSAA Insurance group, a program director at the California Minority Counsel Program and associate counsel at Risk Management Solutions. She is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc., Emerge California Alumnae and the San Francisco Chapter of the Links Inc. She was also a member of Alameda County Commission on the Status of Women.

### **ABOUT THE CALIFORNIA AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSEUM (CAAM)**

CAAM is a state agency charged with researching, collecting, preserving and interpreting for public enrichment the history, art and culture of African Americans. Collaboratively operating in partnership with its 501(c)(3) non-profit organization Friends, the Foundation of the California African American Museum, CAAM houses a permanent collection of more than 4,000 objects of art, artifacts and historical documents, and a publicly accessible Research Library containing more than 20,000 volumes.

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