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## **DIETLIN ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT FROM TCHD**

OCEANSIDE, Calif. – Tri-City Healthcare District (TCHD) President and Chief Executive Officer Steve Dietlin has announced his retirement, effective in late March, 2023, following ten years of executive leadership with the healthcare district.

“It is with deep regret that I’ve accepted Steve’s letter of retirement as the President and CEO of Tri-City Healthcare District,” announced Rocky Chavez, Chairman of the District’s publicly elected board of directors. “Steve has been an outstanding, transformational leader for our hospital and community and he will be sorely missed.”

Dietlin joined the healthcare district in 2013 as the Chief Financial Officer and was instrumental in orchestrating a financial turnaround of the District. He was appointed to the position of President and CEO in 2016, bringing nearly thirty years of experience in healthcare management to the role. His calm and thoughtful leadership style was a stabilizing force.

Under Dietlin’s leadership, the medical center launched a number of initiatives to fundamentally improve healthcare in the region, including the development of a new inpatient Psychiatric Health Facility as part of a greater vision to improve mental health clinical outcomes through care coordination with community based crisis stabilization units, a soon-to-be completed 3T Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) suite that will transform diagnostic imaging in the North County and an upcoming, much-anticipated emergency room remodel. Working in close collaboration with the Tri-City Hospital Foundation and other partners, Dietlin was instrumental in securing funding in support for the medical center. During his tenure, the District has also become a recognized leader in community engagement through Tri-City’s COASTAL Commitment outreach initiative and other endeavors.

During Dietlin’s time as President and CEO, Tri-City Medical Center has received multiple awards for business of the year and for community impact and has been highlighted nationally for quality clinical outcomes, including repeated recognition as a cardiac and stroke center of excellence. Dietlin has been consistently recognized among the 500 Most Influential People in the county by the San Diego Business Journal and was awarded CEO of the Year by the Journal in 2021 in recognition of his leadership during the pandemic. He has also served on a number of influential nonprofit boards, including the California Hospital Association, the Hospital Association of San Diego & Imperial Counties, the District Hospital Leadership Forum and the Oceanside Boys & Girls Club.

“It has been an honor and a privilege to serve the communities of Carlsbad, Oceanside and Vista over the past decade. Leading and working side-by-side with thousands of dedicated Tri-City Team members and community leaders to deliver our mission to advance the health and wellness of our

community has been a rewarding experience that I will always carry with me. I'm proud of the collective accomplishments of our Tri-City Team working in unison to deliver quality healthcare for our community."

The TCHD board of directors has formed an ad hoc committee to lead the search for a new CEO and is moving forward with the process.

### **About Tri-City Medical Center**

Tri-City Medical Center has served our community for more than 60 years and is one of the largest employers in North San Diego County. As a full-service acute care hospital with three primary care clinics and over 500 physicians practicing in over 60 specialties, Tri-City is vital to the well-being of our community and serves as a healthcare safety net for many of our citizens. The hospital has received a Gold Seal of Approval® from the Joint Commission showcasing a commitment to safe and effective patient care for the residents of the community.

Tri-City Medical Center prides itself on being the home to leading orthopedic, spine and cardiovascular health services while also specializing in world-class women's health, robotic surgery, cancer and emergency care. Tri-City's Emergency Department is there for your loved ones in their time of need and is highly regarded for our heart attack and stroke treatment programs. When minutes matter Tri-City is your source for quality compassionate care close to home. The hospital operates the largest Level III Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) in North County.

Tri-City partners with more than 80 local non-profit and community organizations as part of our COASTAL Commitment initiative. Together we are helping tackle some of our communities' pressing health and social needs.

For more information about Tri-City Medical Center and Tri-City Healthcare District, please visit [tricitymed.org](http://tricitymed.org).

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