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PRESS RELEASE

Triangle Community Foundation Announces New Board Chair and Members

Research Triangle Park, September 26, 2019: Triangle Community Foundation announces the addition of two new members to its Board of Directors, as well as a new Board Chair. The Foundation's new chair is Farad Ali, and new members are Rebecca Balter and Melinda Wiggins.

"I am pleased to welcome these newest members to our Board of Directors. They both have a unique background with diverse experiences that make them an asset to the Foundation, and the community as a whole," said President and CEO, Lori O'Keefe. "In addition, we are excited for what Farad will bring to the organization in this new role as Board Chair."

Farad Ali has served as a member of the Foundation's Board since 2015. A former city councilman for the City of Durham, Farad has worked for leading global financial institutions as a corporate banker, a commercial real estate banker, and business/ community banker. Additionally, he has been a financial and managerial consultant, leading a business development team that has secured millions of dollars in financing and contracts for businesses. Ali serves on various national, state, and local boards of directors, and is currently the Vice President of Network Delivery Services for the National Minority Supplier Development Council.

Rebecca Balter is a local donor organizer who supports social justice movements. A long-time Raleigh resident, she is an active member of Resource Generation, a participant in the Transforming Family Philanthropy training program, and founding member of the Funding Queerly giving circle, one of the largest, community-based LGBTQ+ funders in the United States. Rebecca also helped start and continues to serve on the leadership committee for FrontPorch, building political power in marginalized communities in North Carolina.

Melinda Wiggins has served as the Executive Director of Student Action with Farmworkers since 1996. She helped create two key statewide coalitions—the Adelante Education Coalition and the Farmworker Advocacy Network—focused on immigrant and farmworker rights. She co-edited *The Human Cost of Food, Farmworkers' Lives, Labor, and Advocacy*, which was published by the University of Texas Press in 2002. In March 2012, Melinda was honored by the White House as a recipient of the "Cesar Chavez Champion of Change" award.

Triangle Community Foundation's 2019-2020 Board of Directors is comprised of:

Farad Ali, Chair
Michael J. Schoenfeld, Chair Elect
Tucker Bartlett, Treasurer
M. Christine De Vita, Secretary
Pat Nathan, Immediate Past Chair
Ron A. Strom, Foundation Leadership Council Chair
Rebecca Balter
Anita R. Brown-Graham
Sheldon M. Fox
Michael Goodmon
Phil Lambert
Luis Pastor

Steven Pearson
Larry H. Rocamora
Carol P. Tresolini
Tim W. Trost
Kathryn Williams
Melinda Wiggins

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