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Center for Community Solutions Hires New Chief Operating Officer *Cori Manthorne Austin re-joins agency to strengthen organizational and commity response to violence*

(SAN DIEGO, CA) – May 10, 2020 – Cori Manthorne Austin has been named Chief Operating Officer at Center for Community Solutions (CCS), a local nonprofit organization that provides prevention and intervention services for survivors of sexual assault and intimate partner violence. In Austin’s new role, she will be responsible for overseeing CCS’ day-to-day operations including program staff and contract compliance, facilities, strategic development, and operational and financial performance.

Austin brings with her more than two decades of violence prevention experience, which includes forming strategic partnerships with community leaders, providing training and technical assistance to nonprofits focused on the development of trauma-informed practices, and culturally-responsive programming. She previously worked at CCS from 2002 to 2008, to assist with the expansion of the North County office. Prior to her return, Austin served for nearly a decade as Director of Programs at the Bay Area-based nonprofit CORA (Community Overcoming Relationship Abuse).

On returning to CCS, Austin noted, “This truly feels like a homecoming for me. The remarkable strength that I see in survivors, the passion presented among staff, and the energy of the larger movement has been the foundation of my commitment.”

“We are excited to welcome her back to the CCS family,” said Verna Griffin-Tabor, CCS’ Chief Executive Officer. “At a time when survivors have an increased need for support, Cori went straight to work expanding advocacy and shelter services so that our clients never feel alone. We are inspired by her passion and commitment to this work.”

Austin has held numerous leadership positions including the Board of Directors for the California Partnership to End Domestic Violence (2012-2018), the Steering Committee for the San Mateo County Continuum of Care (2008-2017), and was a member of a Citizen Review Panel under the California Office of Child Abuse Prevention (2014-2018). Austin earned a Master’s Degree in Clinical Psychology-Forensics and a Bachelor’s Degree in Psychology with a minor in Human Resource Management.

About Center for Community Solutions

Center for Community Solutions (CCS) is a 501(c) 3 nonprofit corporation that provides prevention and intervention services for survivors of sexual and intimate partner violence. Founded in 1969, CCS has remained committed to solving the problems of relationship violence and abuse, improving the lives of survivors, and changing the social conditions that breed and tolerate their existence. CCS assisted more than 17,000 San Diegans last year and operates the only Rape Crisis Center in San Diego. For more information, visit www.ccssd.org.

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