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### **VALLEY LEADERSHIP SELECTS NEW PRESIDENT & CEO**

#### ***David Brown Tapped as New Leader of the Nearly 40-Year Organization***

Phoenix, AZ (August 24, 2017) – The Board of Directors for Valley Leadership (VL), Arizona’s premier leadership development organization, unanimously selected David C. Brown as the new leader for the nearly 40-year organization.

Brown previously served as CEO of Home Matters and Executive Director of the National NeighborWorks® Association (NNA) since August 2005.

“David is a proven leader with a unique mix of advocacy, community engagement and operational experience,” said Sarah Krahenbuhl, VL Board Chair. “We look forward to leveraging his talents during this next chapter in VL’s legacy as we continue to grow and evolve the organization.”

The Home Matters® movement is dedicated to raising awareness of the need for affordable homes and better communities across the nation and The National NeighborWorks® Association represents the interests of over 200 NeighborWorks® organizations: community groups that promote and develop housing and community development in urban, rural and suburban communities.

Prior to joining NNA and spearheading Home Matters, Brown was a public accountant with Arthur Andersen and a financial litigation consultant with Navigant Consulting.

“I’m very excited to be leading Valley Leadership and look forward to building on its great reputation for cultivating Arizona’s leaders. As someone who grew up in the Valley, I see great potential for community impact, on many levels,” said Brown. “Valley Leadership’s network and alumni are the best of the best, ready to tackle the challenges facing the Valley and make the most of the opportunities this great state has to offer.”

Brown will begin his tenure at VL on September 13, 2017.

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#### **About Valley Leadership**

As the Valley’s premier leadership organization, Valley Leadership boasts a proven and long-standing track record of making deep impacts on the community. The organization’s roots date back to the late 1970s when a group of Valley visionaries recognized the need to identify and develop the next generation of leadership. Our founders imagined an annual succession of educated change agents dedicated to the best possible future for our region. Almost 40 years later, this vision has produced



3,000 alumni. Through high quality education, unprecedented access and an innovative network, Valley Leadership goes beyond traditional leadership programs by empowering leaders to advance their passions and accelerate their pursuits.