



#### Mission Statement

*The Al Wooten, Jr. Heritage Center is a neighborhood approach to the revitalization and empowerment of a community in crisis. We provide a safe nurturing environment committed to good citizenship and academic excellence.*

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### **WOOTEN CENTER HIRES NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

*Los Angeles, CA-* The Al Wooten Jr. Heritage Center located in South Central Los Angeles has hired a new Executive Director, Renée White-Stoeckle.

Ms. White-Stoeckle has more than 18 years of fund-raising, public relations and non-profit management experience. As Executive Director, she manages the daily operations of the agency, manages staff and oversees the educational programs, fund-raising, and public relations for the agency. She also builds collaborative relationships with local businesses, civic leaders and other agencies and ensures the mission of the agency is fulfilled and the vision as created by the Board of Directors is accomplished. Ms. White-Stoeckle was hired in 2005 as the Wooten Center's Development Director, then promoted to Associate Director in 2007, and was acting Executive Director last year during now retired, Executive Director Linda Broadous Miles' sabbatical.

Prior to her work in non-profits for the last 8 years, she was a political consultant and campaign and political party staffer where she worked with candidates at the local, state and national level and served as Executive Director for the Republican Party in Washington and Nevada at the state and local level.

She obtained her bachelor's degree from the University of Washington in Politics, Values and Social Change, with a minor in Non-profit Management. She also obtained her Non-Profit Management Certification from the University of Washington.

Ms. White-Stoeckle serves on the Board of Directors for the Santa Fe Springs Chamber of Commerce where she chairs the Regional Chamber Government Affairs Alliance, representing 5 chambers of commerce; she previously chaired the Youth Education Committee for two years. She serves as a mentor for a Santa Fe High School student. Ms. White-Stoeckle is on the Board of Directors for Operation Jump Start (OJS) in her home town of Long Beach. OJS is a mentoring program for at-risk youth in Long Beach. Ms. White-Stoeckle received the Santa Fe Springs Chamber of Commerce President's award in 2007 and the chamber's Volunteer of the Year Award in 2008. Most recently, she received the "Making a Difference in the Lives of Women" Award from Soroptimist International. Ms. White-Stoeckle has been involved in a number of charitable activities including Relay for Life for the American Cancer Association, the Annual Aids Walk, and Homeless Outreach Activities.

Ms. White-Stoeckle lives in Bixby Knolls, California with her husband Dan, and their three children, Wyatt (11), Juliette (4) and Aidan (2).

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