

Front Porch Announces Susan Lea Whittaker Elected to Its Board of Directors
She brings more than 40 years' experience in health care administration and law

GLENDALE, Calif., April 17, 2018 — Front Porch, a not-for-profit organization serving individuals and families through retirement communities and affordable housing, announces that Susan Lea Whittaker has been elected to its Board of Directors following a two-year hiatus from the Board.

Whittaker re-joined the Front Porch Board on January 21, 2018 after previously serving two terms from January 2010 to December 2015 including serving as board chair from 2012 to 2013.

Whittaker brings more than 40 years' experience in both health care administration and health care law to Front Porch, which is widely considered to be one of the most innovative senior service provider organizations in the country.

She currently serves as vice president of sponsorship for Providence St. Joseph Health, the combination of Providence Health & Services and St. Joseph Health System. Her previous roles included general counsel to St. Joseph Health Ministry and St. Joseph Health System, as well as governance counsel and chief administrative officer to St. Joseph Health System, based in Orange, CA.

"Susan is an effective leader. Her background and experience as both a health care attorney and administrative officer brings unique perspective to Front Porch," said Front Porch Chief Executive Officer John Woodward. "We welcome back her insights and acumen as we continue to explore innovation opportunities for Front Porch."

“We are pleased to have Susan return to our Board,” said Tom Porath, chairperson of the Front Porch Board of Directors. “Not only is she a recognized leader, but she is a highly respected visionary and precedent setter.”

Whittaker holds degrees in theology, law, health care administration and nursing. She is on the faculty of the Aquinas Institute of Theology at St. Louis University and currently resides in Arizona and Idaho.

“I feel honored to serve on the Front Porch Board again,” Whittaker said. “This organization is comprised of talented people who care and who are imbued with integrity. The residents who I’ve met are vibrant retirees whose retirement experience reflects the investments that Front Porch has made in innovation. I am blessed to be invited back to work with them.”

The Front Porch Board is currently comprised of 11 members who serve three-year terms.

About Front Porch

[Front Porch](#) is a not-for-profit organization based in Glendale, Calif., serving individuals and families through full-service retirement, active adult communities, affordable housing and related management and development services. Front Porch retirement communities offer options ranging from independent living to skilled care, including assisted living and memory care. Front Porch holds an A credit rating from FitchRatings and an A- credit rating from Standard & Poor’s. Founded in 1999, Front Porch embraces a leading-edge approach to enhancing well-being with innovative communities and programs that meet the changing needs of people as they age. The Front Porch culture is driven by [Humanly Possible®](#), a commitment to cause-based innovation that harnesses the innovative spirit of all of its staff in an effort to do whatever is humanly possible to meet emerging needs of the people we serve now and in the future. Specialized outreach programs like the Front Porch Center for Innovation and Wellbeing and the Front Porch Gallery support the Front Porch belief in understanding and creatively meeting the needs of individuals in community.

Front Porch is comprised of 10 full-service retirement communities in California and two adult living communities: one in Louisiana and one in Florida. Front Porch also serves individuals and families through 25 affordable housing communities managed by CARING Housing Ministries, a division of Front Porch.

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