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Rancho Los Alamitos Foundation Names Third Executive Director in its 41-Year History

Long Beach, California — The Rancho Los Alamitos Foundation (RLAF) is pleased to announce Tim Roberts is the historic site's new Executive Director, only the third in the foundation's 41-year history. Roberts brings 20 years of experience in historical site preservation and management and development of interpretive educational programming. He takes the reins on Tuesday, April 22, 2025.

Henry Taboada, RLA board chair, said, "We did not take the search for the new executive director lightly. After a rigorous six-month nationwide search engaging a top nonprofit recruiting firm, the RLA board agreed that we had found in Tim Roberts, an exemplary nonprofit leader, public historian, and educator, ready to lead Rancho Los Alamitos for its next chapter. As a proven community collaborator, Tim's work with nonprofits, government agencies, Indigenous communities, volunteers and staff aligns with the Rancho's mission to ensure that the stories we share are inclusive, dynamic, and relevant."

Roberts' career spans work in New Mexico, Montana, and Florida, where he's been responsible for managing and restoring historic sites including more than 400 acres of properties and a 36-acre archaeological project. In addition to his work with historic sites and museums, Roberts served as an adjunct professor at Eastern New Mexico University – Ruidoso as its grant manager and tribal liaison.

"I am thrilled to join Rancho Los Alamitos as its new Executive Director," commented Roberts. "The dedication and energy among staff, volunteers, and the board of directors are immediately clear. I look forward to bringing hands-on learning and fresh interpretive strategies to continue to build on Rancho Los Alamitos' legacy as a vibrant center for education, history, and community engagement."

In New Mexico, Roberts served as deputy director of the state's Historic Sites Division that included management properties that comprised multiple buildings and museum facilities for 400 acres across eight (8) historic sites. In that position, he was involved in collaborations with New Mexico State Parks, New Mexico Department of Tourism, the U.S. National Park Service, and the U.S. Bureau of Land Management. Also, in New Mexico, Roberts was co-founder and partner in a cultural resource

management and museum consultancy that managed projects and collaborated with Indigenous communities and cultural groups to incorporate tradition knowledge into project planning and execution.

Before moving to New Mexico, Roberts was based in Florida. He held management positions with the West Florida Historic Trust in Pensacola, where he revised and updated the organization's Historic Resources Plan. He also worked for Montana-based Historical Research Associates as a research and project historian and oversaw the establishment of corporate office in Pensacola. In Milton, Florida, Roberts was site manager for a 36-acre archeological site which included overseeing daily operations and creating its interpretative public programming.

Roberts, who holds both Bachelor's and Master of Arts degrees from the University of West Florida in Pensacola, said he was drawn to Rancho Los Alamitos for its rich, layered history, its Indigenous heritage, its ranching legacy, and its connections to California's agricultural and urban development. He looks forward to continuing the Rancho's focus on public education through place-based storytelling and working collaboratively with the staff, board, and volunteers to ensure its continued success.

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About Rancho Los Alamitos:

Rancho Los Alamitos, the "Ranch of the Little Cottonwoods," is a Long Beach City Landmark and twice-listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The Rancho is located on Tongva-Gabrielino land known as Povuun'nga. From the Tongva people who lived and gathered at Povuun'nga through waves of newcomers from Spain, Mexico, the United States, and beyond, the site has nurtured a great diversity of peoples and cultures over thousands of years. Today, the 7½-acre site includes four acres of nationally significant historic gardens, a ranch house (1790-1933), and a restored barnyard of the early 20th-century working ranch.

For more information, visit rancholosalamitos.org.