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**SEQUOIA HOSPITAL FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES NEW BOARD MEMBER
Robert G. O'Donnell Joins Board of Directors**

REDWOOD CITY, CA – September 8, 2009 – Deanna S. Dooley, Chair of the Sequoia Hospital Foundation and JoAnn Kemist, President of the Foundation, announced today that Robert G. O'Donnell has been elected to serve a three-year term on the Foundation's Board of Directors.

"Bob O'Donnell brings the highest caliber of philanthropic leadership and financial stewardship to Sequoia's efforts," commented Ms. Kemist. *"He comes to our Foundation board with not only the professional asset management experience to help secure our donor's contributions but also with a proven history in community campaigns and donor engagement. We are honored to have his background compliment the diverse make-up of our existing board."*

"My wife, Sue, and I have become actively engaged with Sequoia Hospital and with its Foundation over the recent years," noted Mr. O'Donnell. *"As we got to know the hospital and Foundation leadership and as we learned more about the hospital's future and its programs, we came to realize that Sequoia is truly a hidden treasure on the Peninsula and something worthy of our passionate support."*

Robert G. O'Donnell serves as a senior vice president and director of Capital Research and Management Company (CRMC), investment adviser to the American Funds. In that capacity, he is an equity portfolio manager with responsibility for approximately \$12 billion of mutual fund assets. Prior to joining CRMC in 1975, he was an investment analyst at American Express Investment Management Company. Bob graduated summa cum laude from the University of California at Berkeley where he received both a bachelor's degree and an MBA. He is a past Chair of the UC Berkeley Foundation and continues as a member of its Board. He is also a Vice President of Berkeley's Library Advisory Board and is a former trustee of the Civil War Preservation Trust. Bob is a member of the faculty at the Haas School of Business at Berkeley where he has taught pro bono since 2003. He and his wife Sue live in Atherton.

About the Sequoia Hospital Foundation

Now in its 25th year, the Sequoia Hospital Foundation is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit organization dedicated to supporting the life-saving mission of Sequoia Hospital. Financial support from individuals, families, foundations and organizations is essential to maintain Sequoia's ability to offer excellent, state-of-the-art services and programs. The Foundation is proud to use 100% of every dollar donated to support patient care and outreach services, programs and facilities to keep our hospital strong and our community healthy. To learn more, please visit www.sequoiahospitalfoundation.org

About Sequoia Hospital

Sequoia Hospital is an accredited, not-for-profit community hospital providing innovative and exceptional healthcare to Bay Area residents. With a nationwide reputation for pioneering advanced cardiac care, Sequoia is designated as a 2009 Blue Distinction Center for Cardiac Care by Anthem-Blue Cross of California and Blue Shield of California. Sequoia also excels in the areas of stroke care, emergency services, and birth center services. Voted "A Family Favorite 2009 Best Hospital" by readers of Bay Area Parent magazine, Sequoia ranks in the top percentile of U.S. hospitals for patient satisfaction and is a leader in quality and safety initiatives. To learn more, please visit: www.SequoiaHospital.org