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### Lawyers Club of San Diego Supports Four Candidates in Judicial Election

The Lawyers Club of San Diego – which is celebrating its 40th Anniversary this year – has announced its support of four judicial candidates in the June 5, 2012 election for three of the contested San Diego County Superior Court seats. The Lawyers Club Board of Directors voted to support **Commissioner Terrie E. Roberts**, who is seeking open Seat No. 24; **George Schaefer** and **Robert Amador**, who are seeking open Seat No. 25; and **Garland Peed**, who is seeking open Seat No. 34.

The Lawyers Club’s mission is “to advance the status of women in the law and society.” <http://www.lawyersclubsandiego.com/> In judicial races, “Lawyers Club uses the word ‘support,’ rather than ‘endorse,’ because we provide an imprimatur to any candidate in a race who requests our support and who meets our criteria, meaning that we may give our support to one, multiple, or no candidates in any given race,” said Johanna S. Schiavoni, Chair of Lawyers Club’s Judicial Elections Endorsement Committee and a member of the Board of Directors. Any judicial candidate may seek Lawyers Club’s support, and the Lawyers Club’s Judicial Elections Endorsement Committee evaluates each candidate who seeks endorsement and makes recommendations to the board, which makes the final decision.

Roberts, who has served as a Superior Court Commissioner since May 2008, presides over a high volume docket, which includes a variety of civil matters, as well as felony marijuana possession matters, domestic violence cases and drunk driving cases. Prior to serving as a Commissioner, Roberts had more than 16 years of experience as an attorney. She worked as a Deputy District Attorney prosecuting home robberies, mayhem, attempted murder, rape and sexually violent predator cases. She also worked as a private attorney handling civil litigation and as a deputy public defender. Throughout her career, Roberts has mentored young women, encouraging them to pursue their education and careers in law, and actively promoted diversity initiatives, including as a Co-Leader of the Diversity Pipeline Program in the DAs office. She also volunteers her time with the Porter Elementary Reading Program and the San Diego County Mock Trial Program. In 2008, Roberts received the award for “Outstanding Service by a Public

Attorney” from the San Diego County Bar Association. Roberts, a long-time Lawyers Club member, is the only female candidate running for any of the open judicial seats. You can read more about her biography and campaign at her website:

<http://www.robertsforsuperiorcourtjudge.com/>

Schaefer, a Deputy City Attorney, has worked in the San Diego City Attorney’s office for more than 6 years. In that capacity, he defends the City in complex civil litigation, including numerous high profile matters. He has practiced law for more than 30 years (in California, Florida and Alaska) and tried more than 110 jury trials. Prior to his current position, Schaefer was a solo practitioner handling civil litigation, an assistant public defender, an Assistant State Attorney, a District Attorney and Assistant District Attorney, and a staff attorney for Alaska Legal Services Corporation through Volunteers in Service to America. Among other community activities, Schaefer is a long-time member of Lawyers Club, an active member of the Appellate Court Committee of the San Diego County Bar Association, and Past President of the Deputy City Attorneys Association of San Diego. You can read more about his biography and campaign at his website: <http://www.georgeschaeferforjudge.com/>

Amador, a Deputy District Attorney, has worked as a prosecutor in the San Diego District Attorney’s office for more than 29 years. He has experience prosecuting cases, including murder, arson, insurance fraud, gang crimes, and crimes against children and has tried more than 100 jury trials. Amador has received a number of awards, including the District Attorney’s office award for “Outstanding Achievement” in 2007. He is a frequent author and instructor on a variety of current legal issues relating to law enforcement. A Lawyers Club member, Amador also has volunteered his time in the community with Tecolote Youth Baseball, Cub Scouts, and Pop-Warner Football. You can read more about his biography and campaign at his website:

<http://www.amadorforjudge.com/>

Peed, a Deputy District Attorney, has worked in the San Diego District Attorney’s office for more than 27 years. He currently serves as the Chief of the Superior Court Division, which is the office’s central felony prosecution unit. He previously served as the Division Chief of the Gang Prosecution Division, in addition to serving in a number of other leadership roles in the DAs office. He has tried more than 80 cases before a jury. Prior to becoming a prosecutor, Peed worked from 1982-1984 as an indigent defense attorney, representing indigent defendants charged with misdemeanors and felonies in San Diego municipal and superior courts. In 1999 and 2006, Peed received “Outstanding Achievement” awards from the Deputy District Attorney’s Association. In 2001, he helped start a holiday celebration and gift program for women and their families at Providence Place, a women’s parole re-entry facility; the program just celebrated its 11th holiday celebration. Peed, a Lawyers Club member, also has volunteered his time with the YMCA and the North Shore Girls Softball League. You can read more about his biography and campaign at his website: <http://www.peedforjudge.com/>

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