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CALIFORNIA STATE ATHLETIC COMMISSION STATEMENT ON PASSING OF COMMISSIONER MICHAEL HARDEMAN

SACRAMENTO – California State Athletic Commission (CSAC) Commissioner Michael Hardeman passed away on Wednesday, December 7, 2022. CSAC Chair Peter Villegas has issued the following statement:

“Michael Hardeman worked tirelessly to support the mission of the California State Athletic Commission up until the day of his passing. We will never forget his contribution to supporting licensing requirements, supervising fight events and advocating for fighter protection. The Commission extends its condolences to his family and friends.”

A San Francisco native, Hardeman was a former Business Manager for the Sign and Display Union Local 510 affiliated with the International Union of Painters and Allied Trades. He attended Balboa High School and San Francisco City College. After graduating high school, Hardeman served as a sign painter apprentice before becoming a journeyman pictorial artist. Always active in the union, he served as an elected officer for 33 years, most of which as the union’s Business Manager representing sign painters and trade show installers and builders throughout Northern California. He served on numerous boards and commissions in the Bay Area including 15 years on the San Francisco Port Commission as an appointee of Mayor Willie L. Brown and 10 years on the Fire Commission as an appointee of Mayors Gavin Newsom and Ed Lee.

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Hardeman also served on the Human Rights Commission under Mayor Dianne Feinstein and on the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission under Mayor Frank Jordan. In addition, he served for 30 years on the San Francisco Labor Council Executive Board and 33 years as a delegate to the San Francisco Building and Construction Trades Council. He has served on the board of directors of numerous non-governmental organizations including the Angel Island Immigration Station and the San Francisco and State Conservation Corps.

Hardeman also served on the board of directors of the Consumer Federation of California and as the chair of the Pension Trust Fund and co-chair of the Health and Welfare Trust Fund of the Office and Professional Employees Union Local 3. He recently finished two terms as a Board Member on the Respiratory Care Board of California.

Hardeman lived in San Francisco's West Portal neighborhood for more than 40 years. He leaves behind his wife Marina, three children and four grandchildren. His obituary is available here:

<https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/sfgate/name/michael-hardeman-obituary?id=38347954>.

For more information about CSAC, visit www.dca.ca.gov/csac.

ABOUT THE CALIFORNIA STATE ATHLETIC COMMISSION: *The California State Athletic Commission (CSAC) regulates professional and amateur boxing, kickboxing and mixed martial arts throughout California by licensing all participants and supervising the events. CSAC constantly seeks methods to make combat sports safer by focusing on techniques to lessen traumatic brain injuries, educating athletes about the adverse effects of the practice of dehydration and weight cutting, regular training of inspectors and officials, and careful and thoughtful approval of professional and amateur matches. Learn more at www.dca.ca.gov/csac.*

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