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CII Elects New Board, Names Theresa Whitmarsh Chair

Washington, D.C., March 23, 2016 — The Council of Institutional Investors (CII) today elected a new board of directors and named Theresa Whitmarsh, executive director of the Washington State Investment Board, board chair. Whitmarsh, who had been a co-chair, succeeds Michael McCauley, senior officer of investment programs and governance, Florida State Board of Administration. In keeping with CII's bylaws, Whitmarsh was elected chair by CII's public pension fund members.

CII is a nonprofit, nonpartisan association of employee benefit funds and endowments and a leading voice for effective corporate governance and strong shareowner rights. CII members collectively have more than \$3 trillion in assets under management.

CII members also elected other officers. The three co-chairs are: Dave Donlin, assistant general counsel, Target; Jennifer O'Dell, assistant director, LIUNA Staff and Affiliates Pension Fund; and Gregory Smith, executive director, Colorado Public Employees Retirement System. Dale Johnson,* investment officer, Los Angeles County Employees Retirement Association, is board treasurer. John Abraham, co-director, Center for Workers' Benefits and Capital Strategies Research and Strategic Initiatives Department, American Federation of Teachers, is board secretary.

The other members of the CII board for 2016-17 are:

Vonda Brunsting, director, Capital Stewardship Program, Service Employees International Union

Michael Garland,* assistant comptroller for corporate governance and responsible investment, New York City Pension Funds

Trevor Gunderson, vice president and deputy general counsel, General Mills

John Keenan,* corporate governance analyst, Capital Strategies, AFSCME

Aeisha Mastagni, portfolio manager, California State Teachers' Retirement System

TerriJo Saarela, director of corporate governance, State of Wisconsin Investment Board

Anne Simpson, investment director, global governance, California Public Employees' Retirement System

Melissa Waller,* deputy treasurer chief of staff, North Carolina Department of State Treasurer

Ash Williams,* executive director and CIO, Florida State Board of Administration

* new board members

The Council of Institutional Investors (CII) is a nonprofit association of pension funds, other employee benefit funds, endowments and foundations, with combined assets that exceed \$3 trillion. CII is a leading voice for effective corporate governance and strong shareowner rights. CII educates its members, policymakers and the public about corporate governance, shareowner rights and related investment issues, and advocates on its members' behalf.