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ARMENIAN ASSEMBLY APPOINTS COMMUNITY RELATIONS DIRECTOR IN WESTERN OFFICE

Beverly Hills, California – The Armenian Assembly is pleased to announce the appointment of Narine Zardarian as Community Relations Director.

Based in the Assembly's Western Region Office, Zardarian will expand the Assembly's grassroots outreach in California and beyond as well as assist with the Assembly's government relations program.

“As the Assembly prepares to celebrate 35 years of service and accomplishments, we are pleased to welcome Narine Zardarian to our staff,” said Executive Director Bryan Ardouny. “Zardarian's experience in state politics, coupled with her previous work on behalf of the Armenian community, will make her a strong asset to our team.”

Prior to joining the Assembly, Zardarian served as a Field Representative for California State Assembly Majority Leader Dario Frommer (D-Glendale). While working for Frommer she served as lead advisor on issues related to the Armenian community, such as helping propose a bill that allowed teachers to receive single subject credentialing in the Armenian language. This bill, which enabled schools in California to offer Armenian as a language elective in High School, was later passed in the California State Assembly Education Committee by Frommer.

“I look forward to the opportunity to strengthen and expand the Assembly's relationships with Armenian communities throughout the state,” said Zardarian. “Together we can tackle the immense challenges before us on the state and federal level.”

Zardarian graduated from the University of California, Los Angeles with a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and a minor in Spanish in 2003.

The Armenian Assembly of America is the largest Washington-based nationwide organization promoting public understanding and awareness of Armenian issues. It is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt membership organization.

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Caption: Back row: Executive Director Bryan Ardouny, left, and Development Director Andy Zovko. Front row: Western Office Director Lena Kaimian, left, and newly appointed Community Relations Director Narine Zardarian.