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Contract Services Appoints David Gross as Chief Executive Officer

Former Senior Counsel for the AMPTP Had Served as Interim Chief Administrative Officer

Burbank — September 25, 2019 — Contract Services, an entertainment industry trust fund that carries out provisions of the collective bargaining agreements between the film and television industry's West Coast Studio Local Unions and the Alliance of Motion Picture and Television Producers (AMPTP), today announced David Gross has been named Chief Executive Officer (CEO).

Formerly Senior Counsel for the AMPTP, Gross was selected by the Contract Services Board of Trustees to serve as interim Chief Administrative Officer while the board, chaired by Nicole A-J. Gustafson, Paramount Pictures' Executive Vice President of Worldwide Industrial Relations & Production Safety, conducted its CEO search.

"The board's charge was to find the best candidate possible, someone who intimately understands the intricacies of the film and television industry and has the skillset and capacity to lead Contract Services — a pillar organization with increasing relevance in our industry — into the future. We've done just that," said Gustafson. "The bonus is, in David we have someone who also understands Contract Services and cares about both the organization and its employees," she added.

Gross served as an executive and attorney at the AMPTP for the past eight years and as the AMPTP's representative on Contract Services' board for the past six. He also served as a trustee on the Producer-Writers Guild of America Pension and Health Plan and as a Delegate to the Hollywood Commission on Sexual Harassment and Advancing Equality in the Workplace. Experienced in entertainment contract law and union negotiations, Gross possesses a comprehensive understanding of the industry's collective bargaining agreements, especially those governing West Coast film and TV production. Before joining the AMPTP, he began his career as an associate attorney at Proskauer Rose LLP specializing in labor and employment law. He holds a J.D. from the University of Southern California and a B.A. in Government and History from Cornell University.

Gross succeeds Ingrid Lohne, who helmed Contract Services for 14 years, including spearheading the 2003 launch of the industry's widely recognized Safety Pass program, which ensures that production workers are trained to meet industry safety standards as well as stringent regulations set by OSHA, Cal/OSHA and other government agencies. Lohne also oversaw the 2017 launch of the industry-wide harassment prevention training program and Contract Services' 2016 move to its current offices and expanded training facilities in Burbank, California.

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