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## LB City Prosecutor Doug Haubert and Dr. Felton Williams to be Honored at Goodwill's "Celebrate the Power of Work" Awards Dinner on Feb. 28 Inspiring Partners and Workers Also to be Honored; The WAVE Radio's Pat Prescott to Host

Long Beach, CA—February 20, 2018—Long Beach City Prosecutor Doug Haubert and Dr. Felton Williams of the Long Beach Unified School District Board will be honored at Goodwill's "Celebrate the Power of Work" Awards Dinner on February 28. The awards event is held annually to honor deserving community leaders as well as inspirational individuals who've transformed their lives through job programs offered by Goodwill, Serving the People of Southern Los Angeles County (SOLAC).

The awards event will recognize an Employer of the Year for its role in hiring participants of Goodwill SOLAC's job programs. A Community Partner of the Year award also will be presented during the event.

Three individuals who now lead successful careers through Goodwill job programs will receive special recognition. The Achiever of the Year award will be presented to Anthony Batten, a machine operator who was hired by Arconic through Goodwill SOLAC's Supported Employment Program that helps employ individuals with development disabilities. Damon Richardson will receive the Graduate of the Year award for his outstanding performance in Goodwill SOLAC's Loss Prevention Training Program and for leading a promising career as a campus safety officer. The Graduate Employee of the Year award will be presented to Krystal Urzua, who also graduated from the Loss Prevention Training Program and steadily moved up the ranks at Goodwill SOLAC to become its compliance, risk and safety officer.

Local radio personality Pat Prescott of *94.7 The WAVE* will host the event, which will be attended by community and business leaders as well as the general public. Attendees will be able to participate in the event's unique silent auction before taking their seats for the dinner and awards program.

This awards dinner will be held at the Pacific Ballroom of the Long Beach Convention & Entertainment Center. All proceeds from this event will go toward funding Goodwill SOLAC's mission—providing job training and placement programs for those with barriers to employment.

For more event information and to purchase tickets online, please visit <u>www.ThinkGood.org</u> or <u>Click Here</u>.

Goodwill SOLAC is a nonprofit organization that transforms donated goods into job training, education and placement services for individuals with barriers to employment. Goodwill SOLAC serves 22 cities and communities throughout Southern Los Angeles County. Goodwill SOLAC's main facility located at 800 W. Pacific Coast Highway in Long Beach—houses its administrative offices, training programs, processing operations, transportation fleet, LiNKS Sign Language & Interpreting Services, a retail store and its e-commerce operations. For learn more about the Goodwill career services or to find your nearest Goodwill store or donation center, visit <u>www.ThinkGood.org</u>.