



**LUPUS**  
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## LFNC Welcomes Lon Saavedra as Executive Director



Mr. Lon Saavedra

**San Jose, CA. August 28, 2018** - The Lupus Foundation of Northern California (LFNC) is pleased to announce the appointment of Lon Saavedra as its new Executive Director effective July 23, 2018.

Mr. Saavedra comes to the Lupus Foundation with over 25 years of demonstrable success establishing strategic partnerships to raise capital, expand revenue streams, and build financial support networks that optimize performance, organizational capacity, and overall operations for national and international philanthropic campaigns. Some of the highlights of Mr. Saavedra's career include his service as the Founding Director for the Western Region of the Smithsonian Institution's first capital campaign, his 16-years-tenure as the Founding CEO of the Hakone Foundation, and his work as the Director of Corporate & Foundation Program for the Stanford University Medical Center's Capital Campaign in the early 1990s, at the the time the largest fundraising campaign in the history of higher education.

Mr. Saavedra, who has consulted and trained CEOs and Executive Directors, is excited to lead LFNC's small but capable staff as well as a dedicated group of volunteers, work with its Board of Directors and focus on growing the capacity of the Foundation. "The inspirational 40-year history of success the Foundation has achieved in creating a dynamic community of support, dedicated to improving the lives of those with Lupus, is a remarkable opportunity for us all to contribute. I am honored to assist in fulfilling the vision of transforming our Foundation into a model health foundation", said Mr. Saavedra as he assumed his new role at the Lupus Foundation.

Welcoming Mr. Saavedra, LFNC Board Chair Carol Siebenmorgen said, "With Lon on board, we can look forward to capitalizing on his extensive experience in strategic advancement. I am confident that with Lon's leadership and a dedicated team behind him, we can make an even larger impact for the lupus community in northern California and beyond."

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### ABOUT LUPUS

Lupus is an autoimmune disease in which the body's immune system attacks its healthy organs. Of the estimated 5 million lupus patients around the world, 90% are women, and a disproportionate number are people of color.

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