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CalNonprofits' Public Policy Director Lucy Salcido Carter made the following statement at the April 21, 2021 California State Assembly confirmation hearing for Attorney General Nominee, and current State Assemblymember, Rob Bonta—to highlight five key nonprofit-related priorities for the new Attorney General:

“Good evening committee chairs and members and Attorney General Nominee Bonta. Lucy Salcido Carter on behalf of the California Association of Nonprofits. We are a policy alliance of more than 10,000 organizations and the voice of the nonprofit sector in California.

The Attorney General plays a vital role in overseeing nonprofits and in supporting policies that help the sector thrive.

Based on our close work with prior Attorneys General, we recommend five nonprofit-related priorities for the new Attorney General:

- 1) Be proactive in pursuit of scammers pretending to be nonprofits. Scammers damage the public trust in the sector.
- 2) Support the development of regulations of the online donation industry to help ensure that donors and recipient charities are protected.
- 3) Promote policies that strengthen nonprofits as key service providers, employers, and economic drivers. Nonprofits employ more than 1.2 million Californians and bring more than \$40 billion in out-of-state resources into our state.
- 4) Support efforts to increase transparency and accountability for donor-advised funds to help ensure that more of those funds get to nonprofits serving California communities.
- 5) Seek opportunities to remedy resource disparities and other inequities across the state.

We have really appreciated the longstanding working relationship we have with the Department of Justice's Charitable Trusts Division and hope to continue that collaborative work, with Mr. Bonta as the new Attorney General, to protect and strengthen the nonprofit sector in California.

Thank you.”