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WESTCHESTER COUNTY ASSOCIATION ELECTS SUSAN FOX, CEO AND PRESIDENT OF WHITE PLAINS HOSPITAL, AS BOARD CHAIR

Susan Fox Steps Up From Her Current Role As Vice Chair

White Plains, N.Y. (September 23, 2021) – The <u>Westchester County Association</u> (WCA) is excited to announce that at today's meeting of the Board of Directors, Susan Fox, CEO and President of White Plains Hospital, was selected to succeed Bill Harrington as the next Chairperson of the WCA. She will step up from her current role as Vice Chair to spearhead innovative ways the WCA can continue to make an impact on economic vitality throughout Westchester County and the surrounding region. Ms. Fox will begin her tenure as Chairperson of the WCA beginning on January 1, 2022.

"I am pleased to share the news that Susan Fox has been unanimously selected to Chair by our board of directors," said Michael N. Romita, President & CEO, Westchester County Association. "Working with Susan over the past 18 months, it's easy to see her dedication to businesses and nonprofits throughout the region. With a visionary leader such as Susan at the helm of our board, the WCA will continue to set the professional agenda for economic growth throughout the region. I also want to recognize the many groundbreaking initiatives spearheaded by our outgoing Chairperson Bill Harrington – from our Blue Ribbon Healthcare Taskforce to our Blueprint for Westchester. We have achieved much during Bill's tenure, and we are grateful that he will remain as part of our leadership team."

As one of the County's most influential healthcare executives, Susan has been at the forefront of the healthcare industry transformation regionally over the last decade. By forging strategic partnerships and aligning and recruiting top clinical and administrative talent, Susan has driven the expansion of White Plains Hospital, which is a member of the Montefiore Health System, into a leading provider of advanced healthcare in the Hudson Valley. She has been a fearless advocate for members of the Westchester County community throughout the COVID-19 pandemic and will bring that same tenacity to the new role she holds as Chairperson of the WCA.

"I am honored to take on the role of Chair of the WCA and thank Bill Harrington for his longstanding commitment and dedication to this organization," said Susan Fox. "Bill helped to advance the mission of the WCA, acting as a strong advocate for our members while overseeing nearly a decade of strong economic growth and development in the region." Ms. Fox continued, "Westchester has become an economic powerhouse because our community understands that a rising tide lifts all boats. The WCA has been able to create something truly special for the business community through its collaborative spirit, private/public partnerships, and a constant desire to innovate and evolve. I look forward to

working alongside CEO Michael Romita to support our local corporations and businesses as we continue to rebound from this pandemic and chart a course for a strong and vibrant future."

In addition to her role as Chair of the Westchester County Association, Ms. Fox also was appointed to the American Hospital Association Board of Trustees in 2019 and Chairs its Regional Policy Board 2. She serves on the Columbia University School of Nursing Board of Visitors, and the Board of the Healthcare Association of New York State (HANYS). Ms. Fox is a Fellow of the New York Academy of Medicine

"I want to extend my congratulations both to Susan Fox and the entire Westchester County Association on their appointment of Susan as Board Chair," said Westchester County Executive George Latimer. "Over the years Susan has proven her dedication to both the business and nonprofit sectors across the County, and she will bring a wealth of experience and talents from the healthcare industry to her new role. I look forward to our continued partnership with the Westchester County Association and believe that we will see continued economic growth across Westchester with Susan Fox at the helm."

Susan will make her first address to the Westchester business community as WCA Board Chair during the Annual Leadership event. The event will be taking place on Tuesday, November 30, 2021 from 5:30pm-8:30pm at the Westchester Marriott Hotel in Tarrytown, NY.

For additional information on the Annual Leadership Event, please visit: westchester.org/events

About Westchester County Association

The <u>Westchester County Association</u> is the most influential group of businesses and nonprofits in Westchester County and the surrounding region. The WCA is committed to smart growth, economic vitality, and presenting a strong independent voice on behalf of the professional community. Its key objectives are economic growth, business development, and policy advocacy on behalf of its members. For more information about the Westchester County Association, visit <u>www.westchester.org</u>.

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