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## Elena Arrojo Joins Rancho Los Alamitos as Director of Development

**Long Beach, California** – Rancho Los Alamitos Foundation is pleased to announce that Elena Arrojo has joined the staff as Director of Development at its historic ranch and gardens.



*Elena Arrojo*

Arrojo has worked in the nonprofit and educational arena for more than twenty years, leading development, marketing, communications and educational programming activities. Before coming to the Rancho, she managed development and communications at TASK, a Southern California-based nonprofit organization that offers special education support for families who have children with disabilities. She also managed a volunteer program at Marina High School in Huntington Beach, where she led communications efforts and supported the school's Viking Foundation with special events and fundraising activities.

Her Long Beach connections lead back to the Arts Council for Long Beach where in several different roles over six years, she managed the city's municipal funding program for the arts and provided technical support for artists and small arts and cultural organizations; managed the Arts Council's in-school programs, including *Smithsonian Week in Long Beach*, artist-in-residence programs, and co-created the *Eye on Design* public art education program. Before coming to the Arts Council for Long Beach, she was Director of Education at the Orange County Museum of Art in Newport Beach and managed the education department at Laguna Art Museum. Her undergraduate and graduate studies were in art history. She lives in Huntington Beach with her husband and two sons.

"I am excited to return to Long Beach, a beautifully diverse city with a robust arts and cultural community. With its historic adobe home, formal gardens, and farm animals, Rancho Los Alamitos offers wonderful opportunities to engage with, explore and better understand the unique cultural heritage of Long Beach and the broader Southern California region. I look forward to sharing its stories, cultivating community partnerships and increasing funding opportunities to support this incredibly special place," said Arrojo.

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