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**Eric Weingartner Appointed Chief Executive Officer  
of University Settlement and The Door**

**New CEO brings over 20 years of leadership on poverty and social justice.**

**(New York, NY) June 9, 2016** - The board of directors of University Settlement and The Door today announced the appointment of Eric Weingartner as Chief Executive Officer. The appointment builds upon the organizations' 130-year foundation of social change impact in New York City. A leader in the non-profit, policy and philanthropic sectors, Mr. Weingartner has over 20 years of experience driving solutions-oriented work on poverty, social justice, education, and workforce development. He will assume the role held by Dr. Michael H. Zisser, who after more than 28 years of service, announced last year his plan to retire this summer. University Settlement and The Door, with their sister organization Broome Street Academy, today have a combined budget of nearly \$60m, a staff of 1,000, and lead programs for families and youth in more than 30 locations in Manhattan, the Bronx and Brooklyn.

Mr. Weingartner is currently a Managing Director at the Robin Hood Foundation, where he leads a \$60m portfolio addressing a wide range of causes - including health, housing, homelessness, hunger, domestic violence, legal services, and public benefits - and manages two funds focused on veterans and immigrants living in poverty. His portfolio has launched over 25 large scale public / private partnerships with government and best-in-class not for profit organizations throughout New York City.

Weingartner's appointment is the culmination of an extensive executive search conducted by the boards of University Settlement and The Door with active involvement from the organizations' executive leadership.

According to the Chair and the President of the boards of University Settlement and The Door, Sharon R. Egilinsky and Marc N. DeBevoise, the boards sought a strategic complement to the strong leadership already in place, including Executive Directors Melissa E. Aase at University Settlement and Julie L. Shapiro at The Door, and Dr. Barbara McKeon, Head of School at Broome Street Academy.

"As exemplars in youth development, education, and settlement house community development practices, and given the caliber of our executive staff, we sought to recruit just the right CEO to further our mission," said Egilinsky and DeBevoise. "In Eric, we found a perfect alignment: an extraordinary track record of excellence and achievement, smart leadership expertise, and a deep, demonstrated commitment to the most critical social issues facing New Yorkers today."

The board leaders also cited their appreciation of Michael Zisser. "Michael's legacy is one of nearly three decades of innovation and advancement for our family of organizations. His announcement of his planned retirement almost a year ago allowed us to conduct a thoughtful and smooth transition."

Of Mr. Weingartner, Zisser said: "The appointment of Eric Weingartner as Chief Executive Officer advances today our mission of working with all New Yorkers to gain access to opportunity and to transform their lives and their communities. I have known and worked with Eric for almost two decades, and I know that he will achieve an even greater impact on New York City from our family of organizations. I am very proud of our leadership team and excited about this transition."

In accepting his appointment, Mr. Weingartner said he was "thrilled by the opportunity to be at the helm. In my years of work on poverty and related issues, I have appreciated the intelligence and fortitude that University Settlement and The Door have brought to some of our toughest challenges as a City. The culmination of my work in philanthropy, government and the non-profit sector, I hope leaves me well positioned to lead these effective organizations."

Before his role at Robin Hood, Mr. Weingartner served as a policy advisor to Mayors Bloomberg and Giuliani, providing expertise and leadership on welfare reform, neighborhood economic development, public education, youth development, higher education, and workforce programming. Prior experiences include managing the education and workforce divisions of a multi-million dollar non-profit and serving as the Executive Director of Teach for America, New York.

Mr. Weingartner will assume his role as CEO in late August.

**About University Settlement, The Door, and Broome Street Academy:** University Settlement, The Door and Broome Street Academy are a uniquely affiliated family of organizations that together assist more than 40,000 vulnerable New Yorkers every year to embrace their strengths, realize their potential and achieve a life of wellbeing and prosperity. With a broad range of programs covering health and mental health, career development, education, early childhood and after school programs, eviction prevention and supportive housing, legal services, crisis intervention, healthy aging, literacy, and performing arts, we work with people from birth to older age in communities throughout New York City. Though structurally separate, our common goal is simple: to transform lives by connecting and empowering people, with compassion and dignity.