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DOMINICK V. SPATAFORA APPOINTED CEO OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

LOS ANGELES, CA (February X, 2008)— Dominick V. Spatafora has been appointed CEO of the Los Angeles County Medical Association (LACMA) effective immediately,” it was announced today by David H. Aizuss, M.D., President of LACMA.

With nearly 15 years experience in health care and political consulting, Spatafora was previously president of DVS Governmental Consulting Solutions, a full service political consulting and public affairs firm, where he represented such entities as Pfizer Pharmaceuticals, NORCAL Mutual Insurance Company, the California Society of Health System Pharmacists and the Preventing Tobacco Addiction Foundation.

Prior to forming DVS Governmental Consulting Solutions, Spatafora was the Director of Government Affairs for the California Psychological Association (CPA). He also worked in Washington, D.C. for Congressman J. Dennis Hastert whom he assisted with sweeping health care reform efforts. Spatafora has also served as the Legislative and Regulatory Affairs Director for the Arizona Medical Board. In this position, he developed and wrote the standards that govern the practice of medicine for Arizona.

Upon making the announcement Dr. Aizuss stated: “We are thrilled Dominick Spatafora is coming to LACMA as CEO to help us grow, lead our operations and expand our important advocacy efforts for the physicians of southern California. Dominick is a consensus builder and an innovative leader who has established unprecedented relations and credibility with both the Arizona and California Legislatures.”

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Commented Mr. Spatafora: “My vision for LACMA is that it will become the premiere county medical association in the nation that Los Angeles County physicians rely on for their professional needs, that Los Angeles County patients turn to when experiencing access issues, and that Los Angeles County healthcare stakeholders respect, trust and rely on to protect the sacred doctor-patient relationship.”

Spatafora received a Bachelor of Science degree from Arizona State University. He also holds a Master of Public Administration from The American University in Washington, D.C. A member of the Health Care Administration faculty at the University of Phoenix for over six years, he was awarded the 2001 Outstanding Faculty Award for the College of Health Care Services and Nursing at the Phoenix campus.

Founder of the **Neuropathy Action Foundation** (NAF), Spatafora is a patient advocate for multifocal motor neuropathy.

About The Los Angeles County Medical Association

The Los Angeles County Medical Association (LACMA) is a professional association representing physicians in all modes of practice and specialties, including solo practitioners, small and large-groups, hospital-based physicians, students, interns and residents. For 136 years, the organization has been at the forefront of current medicine, advocating for excellence in healthcare delivery and serving the needs of LACMA members in the areas of public healthcare policy, government relations, community relations and in the courts. Through these advocacy efforts LACMA's physician leadership and staff strive toward a common purpose -- to enhance the professionalism and clinical autonomy of physicians so that they may best advocate for their patients. and the health of the people and community of Los Angeles.

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