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City Controller Rebecca Rhynhart Selected to Join Accelerator for America Advisory Council

Philadelphia, PA – Accelerator for America announced today that City Controller Rebecca Rhynhart has been added to its Advisory Council. The mission of Accelerator for America is to find and develop solutions to economic insecurity and share them with cities to create national change. Accelerator for America is led by its Advisory Council, consisting of elected officials and leaders from the labor, business and non-profit sectors.

"I'm thrilled to join the Advisory Council for Accelerator for America. It's a unique opportunity to learn from and share knowledge with a dynamic group of leaders from across the country and develop solutions that can be applied here in Philadelphia to support our residents," said Controller Rhynhart.

Accelerator for America was co-founded by Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti and Rick Jacobs in 2017 around the idea that while Washington is broken, change is still needed and must be made from the local level. It has since developed community wealth-building tools that are being used in more than 55 cities nationwide and has helped local communities generate more than \$22 billion in funding for local transportation infrastructure initiatives.

"We are thrilled to welcome Controller Rhynhart to our Advisory Council. Her experience in the public and private sectors in addition to her personal passion for improving people's lives will be a powerful asset to our work," said Accelerator for America CEO and Co-Founder Rick Jacobs. "With the help of the best minds in government, business and philanthropy, the Accelerator provides local communities with the necessary tools to help themselves and spark nationwide change from the ground up."

The full list of Accelerator for America Advisory Council members is as follows:

- Mayor Steve Benjamin, Columbia, SC
- Angela Glover Blackwell, CEO, PolicyLink
- James T. Callahan, General President, International Union of Operating Engineers
- Mayor John Cranley, Cincinnati, Ohio
- Mayor Michelle De La Isla, Topeka, KS
- Cheryl Dorsey, President, Echoing Green
- Michael Dubin, Founder and CEO, Dollar Shave Club
- Council Member Amanda Edwards, Houston, TX
- Mayor Eric Garcetti, Los Angeles, CA
- Lt. Gov. Cyrus Habib, Washington
- Mayor Quentin Hart, Waterloo, IA

Mayor David Holt, Oklahoma City, OK
Larry Jacob, Vice President of Public Affairs, Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation
Bruce Katz, Co-founder, The New Localism
Doug McCarron, General President, United Brotherhood of Carpenters
Swati Mylavarapu, CEO, Incite.org
John Porcari, President, US Advisory Services for WSP
Steve Robinson, CEO, Reimagine
Rebecca Rhynhart, City Controller, City of Philadelphia
Mayor Andy Schor, Lansing, MI
Shamina Singh, President and Founder, Mastercard Center for Inclusive Growth
Rob Slimp, President and CEO, HNTB
City Clerk Anna Valencia, Chicago, IL
Mayor Nan Whaley, Dayton, OH

Advisory Council Members Emeriti:

Pete Buttigieg, Mayor of South Bend, IN
Gregory A. Kelly, President and CEO, WSP USA

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