## Scout Executive Jeff Sulzbach to Retire after 32 Years with the BSA

Greater Los Angeles Area Council's Scout Executive and CEO, Jeff Sulzbach, recently announced his plans to retire from professional Scouting on July 31, 2022. Jeff has a distinguished Scouting career serving the Boy Scouts of America as a commissioned professional Scouter for 32 years in five Scout Councils in Minnesota, Hawaii, and Los Angeles.

Jeff is an Eagle Scout whose professional Scouting roots started when he worked on his council's camp staff in Minnesota and Wisconsin. After graduating from college, Jeff was hired as a camp ranger and camp director for the Indianhead Council in Saint Paul, MN. He served in several other roles in the Twin Cities area including as director of field service, director of development, and assistant Scout executive before becoming Scout Executive in the Aloha Council in Honolulu Hawaii. In 2019, Jeff became Scout Executive for Greater Los Angeles Area Council.

"I am honored to have spent my career serving the Scouting program and working side by side with wonderful, caring, and dedicated volunteers and staff from across the country and here in LA," said Jeff. "Their passion, dedication, and servant leadership have been nothing short of inspirational."

The pandemic and National BSA's bankruptcy have created challenges over the past two years, however, Jeff remains optimistic about Scouting's future. "Greater LA Scouting is prepared to grow in the years ahead. We have an excellent staff and a committed team of volunteers. Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Scout Executive and for everything our staff and volunteers do for the young people in Greater Los Angeles."

Council Board Chair and President John Johnson shared the following, "Greater Los Angeles Area Council extends its thanks to Jeff for leading our Council through a very challenging time. Under his leadership, Greater LA Scouting has remained strong - maintaining a high-quality program - and is well-positioned for the future. We offer our best wishes to Jeff and his family as they begin this new chapter in their lives."

A new Scout Executive will be hired by the Council's board of directors. Board Chair John Johnson has appointed a search committee that will interview potential candidates over the next several months.