

Stater Bros. Holdings, Inc. Announces New Appointments to its Board of Directors

San Bernardino, California (June 9, 2021) – Stater Bros. Holding, Inc., the parent company of Stater Bros. Markets, pleased to announce the election of **Janel Haugarth** and **Sean Varner** to the Stater Bros. Holdings, Inc. Board of Directors.

Janel Haugarth is currently President of Highpoint Retail, LLC. She has over 40 years of extensive experience in the food wholesale and retail grocery industry including the areas of procurement, pricing, logistics, transportation, finance, technology services, and sales. Her most recent supermarket industry role included responsibility for the supply chain network including the transportation fleet and 18 distribution centers serving over 800 independent and franchised grocery retail store owners.

Sean Varner is the Managing Partner of Varner & Brandt LLP, the leading business law firm in Southern California’s Inland Empire region. He has over 25 years of legal and business expertise focusing on corporate and business law, real estate transactions, real estate development and land use, finance, and technology. Varner’s appointment continues a decades-long professional partnership between Stater Bros. Markets and Varner & Brandt LLP. Due to the recent passing of Bruce D. Varner, founder of Varner & Brandt LLP and former Stater Bros. Holdings, Inc. board director, Corporate Secretary, and General Counsel, Stater Bros. Holdings, Inc., Sean Varner was also recently appointed to serve as Corporate Secretary and General Counsel of Stater Bros. Holdings, Inc.

Stater Bros. Holdings, Inc. is also pleased to announce the appointment of **Pete Van Helden** to Vice Chairman of its board of directors. Van Helden joined Stater Bros. Markets as President and Chief Operating Officer in 2013. In 2016, he was appointed to the position of Chief Executive Officer by Stater Bros.’ late Executive Chairman, Jack H. Brown. Van Helden currently serves and will continue to serve as Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Stater Bros. Markets.

“On behalf of the entire board of directors, it’s my pleasure to welcome our newest board members,” said **Phillip J. Smith, Chairman of the Board of Directors** for Stater Bros. Holdings, Inc. “Pete will continue providing the board with insight into Stater Bros. Markets’ operations and future growth, while Janel and Sean will provide guidance and expertise for our future strategic goals,” Smith added.

About Stater Bros. Markets

Stater Bros. was founded in 1936 in Yucaipa, California, and has grown steadily through the years to become the largest privately owned Supermarket Chain in Southern California and the largest private employer in both San Bernardino County and Riverside County. The Company currently operates 170 Supermarkets, and there are approximately 18,000 members of the Stater Bros. Supermarket Family. Since 2008, Stater Bros. and Stater Bros. Charities have contributed more than \$80 million in food and funds to local Southern California communities. For more information, visit staterbros.com.