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LAROSA NAMED PRESIDENT/CEO OF RENAISSANCE CORPORATION

The Gulf Coast Renaissance Corporation's board of directors has elected Kimberly LaRosa as President and CEO effective immediately. LaRosa previously held the position of Chief Financial Officer at Renaissance.

"The board is pleased to have found someone of Kim's proven managerial abilities within its organization for this important role," said Anthony Topazi, Chairman of Renaissance. "In Kim we have a decisive leader with excellent communication and organizational skills. She has been a part of the Renaissance Corporation since its inception and therefore provides continuity for the organization at this critical juncture."

Prior to joining Renaissance, LaRosa was Senior Director of Property Finance for Isle of Capri Casinos in Biloxi. She is a Certified Public Accountant and received a Bachelor of Science in Accounting from William Carey College in Hattiesburg. LaRosa lives in Pass Christian with her husband, Carl, and two daughters.

"Kim is a longtime resident of the coast and has a strong passion for our community," said Topazi. "With Kim taking over the top role, the implementation of all of our proposed programs will proceed as scheduled - insuring that we deliver the housing assistance for which this organization was formed to provide."

LaRosa said she looks forward to continuing the collaborations begun with local nonprofits, community partners and government agencies to help remove the obstacles to redevelopment.

"I am pleased to be taking over the lead role for an organization that can make such a difference in the rebuilding efforts taking place in South Mississippi," said LaRosa. "There are still many challenges ahead of us, but with the support of our fantastic partners, board of directors and advisory boards, we will rise to meet those challenges."

Gulf Coast Renaissance Corporation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit founded by the Gulf Coast Business Council following Hurricane Katrina with a mission to facilitate the development of mixed income communities which provide safe, quality, affordable housing for the workforce of the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

