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**UNITED COMMUNITY CREDIT UNION
ANNOUNCES NEW LEADERSHIP**

March 21, 2017 - - - (Houston, TX) The Board of Directors at United Community Credit Union (UCCU) joins the staff to welcome Mac McDermott as the new President and Chief Executive officer (CEO) of the \$92 million Houston area Credit Union.

McDermott was recruited by former CEO, Joe Harwell, in 2015 as part of the Credit Unions succession plan. Following Harwell's passing, the Board voted unanimously in support of electing McDermott to be promoted from his previous role of Chief Financial Officer and Executive Vice President.

"The decision was clear," said Wayne Oquin, United Community Board Chairman. "McDermott has worked diligently since joining our team, and 2016 was one of the strongest financial years on record. I have the very highest level of confidence in his ability to lead this intuition to even greater successes in the future."

Before being promoted into the role of CEO, McDermott worked in the credit union industry for nearly a decade. His previous experience included working for a multi-billion dollar credit union in the Houston area, as well as serving as a financial examiner for the State of Texas, managing a district of credit unions with over \$2.5 billion in total assets. Over the years, McDermott has built a successful and knowledgeable career in banking and financial institutions. He also holds a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in Finance, as well as a Bachelors in Banking and Financial Institutions.

"We are excited to have Mac take on this new role," said Shalonda Dawkins, Chief Operations Officer and Senior Vice President of United Community. "His work experience makes him uniquely qualified to manage the credit union, and his dedication to our staff and community cannot be overstated."

United Community Credit Union was founded in 1950 to serve Galena Park ISD. Today, United Community boasts more than \$92 million in assets, nearly 12,000 members and serves anyone living, working or attending school within the east Houston area. For more information, visit www.UnitedCCU.com .

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