



Museum of Nature and Science

**PEROT MUSEUM OF NATURE AND SCIENCE APPOINTS DR. LINDA ABRAHAM-SILVER
AS THE EUGENE MCDERMOTT CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

DALLAS (March 2, 2017) – The Board of Directors of the Perot Museum of Nature and Science in Dallas today announced that Dr. Linda Abraham-Silver, an experienced and dynamic leader in the nonprofit science and technology education sector, has been named the Museum's Eugene McDermott Chief Executive Officer. She will assume her duties July 1, 2017.

Dr. Silver joins the Perot Museum from the Government of Abu Dhabi, where she has led science and technology promotion initiatives for the Technology Development Committee (TDC) as associate director since 2011. The TDC is a government body responsible for the creation and growth of informal science education initiatives in support of the emirate's Economic Vision 2030. Prior to her work in the Gulf, Dr. Silver spent eight years as the president and CEO of Great Lakes Science Center (Cleveland, Ohio) and thirteen years with the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County (NHMLAC) as vice president of education & guest relations for the four museums that comprise the NHMLAC family of museums.

"Dr. Silver brings unparalleled leadership experience to the Perot Museum, and we are delighted to welcome her as the next Eugene McDermott Chief Executive Officer," said Hernan J.F. Saenz, III, chair of the Perot Museum Board of Directors. "Her professional background is remarkably aligned with the Museum's strategic priorities, and we are confident she will deliver on our aspiration to be a leading museum in the U.S. through cutting-edge science education, meaningful civic and community engagement, and operational excellence. Dr. Silver is the right leader at the right time for the Perot Museum, and on behalf of my Board colleagues I want to emphasize our eagerness to work alongside her to cultivate the next great chapter in the Museum's evolution."

Dr. Silver added, "I am deeply honored to become the Perot Museum's new CEO and excited to advance my lifelong pursuit of ensuring broad and impactful access to science education in a city that is so clearly aligned with those same principles. I am grateful for the opportunity, eager to get started, and look forward to working with all of the Museum's stakeholders to expand the Perot Museum's intellectual and community footprint."

As part of her accomplishments while in Abu Dhabi, Dr. Silver managed the Abu Dhabi Science Center (ADSC) project and developed its comprehensive Education Plan. By combining her extensive experience, especially in nonprofit leadership and STEM-based initiatives, Dr. Silver played an integral role in crafting a base for STEM programs in Abu Dhabi while ensuring the community support required to sustain it.

Mr. Saenz also thanked Dan Kohl, the Perot Museum's interim CEO who, for the past year, "has led the Museum with energy and inspiration." Under Mr. Kohl's leadership, the Museum successfully continued its trend of welcoming nearly a million guests per year, including approximately 300,000 students through school field trips and outreach.

"This success is a tribute to Dan and the entire Perot Museum team, and their work should be applauded," added Mr. Saenz.

Dr. Silver's work at the Great Lakes Science Center in Cleveland included delivering marked financial and operating improvements while creating a leading STEM-based learning profile for the region. Her civic

engagement resulted in alliances with NASA, the Cleveland Clinic, Cliffs Natural Resources and GE, among many others.

Dr. Silver holds a doctorate of education from University of Southern California and an MBA from Pepperdine University. She received her bachelor of arts from UCLA in 1992.

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About the Perot Museum of Nature and Science. *The top cultural attraction in Dallas/Fort Worth and a Michelin Green Guide three-star destination, the Perot Museum of Nature and Science is a nonprofit educational organization located in the heart of Dallas, Texas, with campuses in Victory Park and Fair Park. With a mission to inspire minds through nature and science, the Perot Museum delivers exciting, engaging and innovative visitor and outreach experiences through its education, exhibition, and research and collections programming for children, students, teachers, families and life-long learners. The 180,000 - square-foot facility in Victory Park opened in December 2012 and is now recognized as the symbolic gateway to the Dallas Arts District. Future scientists, mathematicians and engineers will find inspiration and enlightenment through 11 permanent exhibit halls on five floors of public space; a children's museum; a state-of-the art traveling exhibition hall; and The Hogle Foundation Theater, a National Geographic Experience. Designed by 2005 Pritzker Architecture Prize Laureate Thom Mayne and his firm Morphosis Architects, the Victory Park museum has been lauded for its artistry and sustainability. To learn more, please visit perotmuseum.org*

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