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Industry Icon Barbara Harris, Former President of BOMA/ GLA, Passes Away
Leaving Lasting Legacy for Commercial Real Estate Industry

Los Angeles' Commercial Real Estate Community Mourns Beloved and Dedicated Leader

(Los Angeles, CA — September 2, 2008) —The Building Owners and Managers Association of Greater Los Angeles (BOMA/GLA) regrets to announce that Barbara S. Harris, RPA, a leading real estate professional, passed away on Tuesday, August 26, 2008 after a long and courageous battle with cancer.

Mrs. Harris enjoyed a successful, decades-long career as a real estate professional in Los Angeles, beginning with her role as Property Manager for H. C. Beck Co., Arthur Rubloff & Co., and Crocker National Bank, followed by eight years as Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of Murdock Management Company in Westwood. Prior to her retirement in 2006, she was Senior Vice President and Director of Marketing for City Centre Development and its planned five-building Metropolis project in downtown Los Angeles.

Dynamic and innovative, Mrs. Harris was responsible for the first use of the triple-net lease in Murdock Plaza, an important building in Los Angeles. A Real Property Administrator (RPA), she shared her expertise in Lease Escalation Methods as a speaker and author of a widely used handbook on the subject.

Mrs. Harris was volunteer Chairman of BOMA/GLA and served on numerous committees in BOMA/GLA and for BOMA International, as General Chairman of the 1983 BOMA International Convention in Los Angeles and as a member of BOMA International's Finance Committee, Building Review Service Council, National Advisory Council and Operating Methods Committee,

which she chaired. She designed and instituted educational courses for BOMA, and in 2002 was asked to serve as President of BOMA/GLA.

Mrs. Harris was named BOMA International's Member of the Year, 1983, appointed chair of BOMA International's Marketing Division in 1985, and won the BOMA International President's Award in 1991. For her industry colleagues, Mrs. Harris embodied the core mission of BOMA/GLA in her dedication to "enhancing the value in commercial real estate through advocacy, education and networking."

As a member of the Advisory Board for Commercial Real Estate Women, Los Angeles (CREW-LA), Mrs. Harris mentored many women in real estate and helped fulfill CREW's mission to create an environment that promotes the expertise and success of its members and serve as the commercial real estate industry's definitive resource for information about, and the advancement of, women in commercial real estate. In 2005, she was honored with the CREW-LA Renaissance Award.

She took pride in being a founder of the Ross Minority Program in Real Estate at the University of Southern California (USC), an intensive, executive education and certification program in real estate development and finance that has graduated more than 400 students in its 13 years. Mrs. Harris served as the program's President and as a member of its Advisory Board.

In 2007, Mrs. Harris was honored with the granting of the Barbara S. Harris Scholarship, presented by BOMA/GLA and the USC Marshall School of Business.

On March 7, 2007, BOMA members gathered to honor both the outstanding leadership of Pamela Westhoff, outgoing Chairman of the Board, the new term of incoming Chair Joseph Markling, and give a special tribute to the years of dedication of Barbara Harris, who had stepped down as BOMA/GLA President in 2007. Brenna Walraven, Chairman-Elect of BOMA International, saluted Mrs. Harris for her contributions, and Los Angeles City Controller Laura Chick praised her for enhancing BOMA GLA's role as an expert on real estate issues and partner with the City on many important projects.

BOMA/GLA thanked Mrs. Harris for her willingness to take on tough issues and her vision of mentoring young people new to property management. To continue the efforts of this magnificent personality, BOMA/GLA is committed to actively recruit bright, motivated and highly educated young people to the interesting career opportunity of property management.

“She was an extraordinary person, always concerned about the well-being of others. She truly was a visionary and will leave a lasting memory in the commercial real estate industry,” said Joseph W. Markling, Chairman of the Board of BOMA/GLA and a member of BOMA International's Executive Committee.

In lieu of flowers and in accordance with Mrs. Harris' wishes, donations in her memory may be directed to the Mesothelioma Applied Research Foundation, P.O. Box 91840 Santa Barbara, CA 93190-1840 or at www.marf.org.

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About BOMA International

Founded in 1907, the Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA) International is an international federation of more than 100 local associations and affiliated organizations. The 17,000-plus members of BOMA International own or manage more than 9 billion square feet of commercial properties in North America and abroad. BOMA's mission is to enhance the human, intellectual and physical assets of the commercial real estate industry through advocacy, education, research, standards and information. On the Web at www.boma.org.