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**Brother Benno's names former U.S. attorney and U.S. Marine Corps veteran  
Tara McGrath to its Board of Directors**

**OCEANSIDE, CA** - Brother Benno's, a nonprofit organization serving North County, San Diego County's homeless and working poor named Tara McGrath to its board of directors.

McGrath is a former U.S. attorney for California's Southern District and a U.S. Marine Corps veteran. She brings decades of experience in strategic oversight, including complex federal prosecutions, civil defense cases and crisis management.

McGrath also brings nonprofit experience. She began with Brother Benno's in 2007, starting in the clothing room, spent two years as the Coastal Conservation League's regional director and served on the central Virginia Salvation Army's board. She was also in Rotary clubs in South Carolina and Virginia.

"Tara has a deep sense of compassion and service," Brother Benno's board President Jeffrey Epp said. "She will be a great addition to our board of directors and we're honored to have someone of her experience and years of service join us."

As U.S. attorney, McGrath managed more than 330 lawyers and staff members and handled more than 5,000 federal cases during her tenure. She led prosecutors focused on white-collar and financial crimes, including Foreign Corrupt Practices Act violations; organized crime; cyberintrusions and offenses; environmental infractions; national security matters, and civil fraud.

McGrath was an inaugural member of the reconvened Domestic Terrorism Executive Committee, an interagency effort to fight violent extremism and cyberthreats. She also served on the attorney general's advisory subcommittees on terrorism and national security; border and immigration; and environmental justice.

Earlier, McGrath spent more than a decade as an assistant U.S. attorney and trial attorney for the U.S. Justice Department in San Diego and Washington, D.C. She has first-chair trial experience in cases ranging from racketeering and violent crime to complex fraud.

McGrath received the national Justice Department Director's Award in 2016 for helping develop the California Southern District's Diversion Program, which lets some defendants avoid incarceration by completing drug or mental health treatment, community service or restitution.

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Early in her career, McGrath served as an active-duty U.S. Marine Corps officer and later joined the Defense Department as a senior legal adviser. From 2018-22, she lived in Japan and provided legal guidance to military commanders and judge advocates in hundreds of courts-martial and criminal investigations on U.S. military installations in Japan, Hawaii, Australia, Korea and Thailand.

McGrath holds a juris doctor from the University of Michigan Law School and a Bachelor of Arts from Boston College. Her professional awards include the Defense Department's Civilian Award, Pacific Region, 2022; the Justice Department's National Director's and Office of Enforcement Operations Accomplishment awards; and the Southern District of California's U.S. Attorney's Accomplishment Award. In the armed forces, she earned the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation and Achievement Medals.

She has bar and court admissions in California and Michigan.

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