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**“WAFC ELECTS DONNA TYNDALL, SVP OPERATIONS OF
GELSON’S MARKETS AS DIRECTOR”**



At the Fall meeting of the Western Association of Food Chains on November 7, 2015, Donna Tyndall was elected to the WAFC Board of Directors.

Donna began her career with Gelson’s Markets 41 years ago as a clerk’s helper at the first Gelson’s location in Burbank. After graduating from UCLA, she entered management as the first female manager in the company. She worked her way up to Store Manager and was later promoted to Supervisor of Operations. After three years in store supervision, she took on the position of Director of Grocery Buying and Merchandising and was promoted to Vice President in 1998. In 2004, she was promoted to her current role as Senior Vice President of Store Operations.

Donna has a Bachelor of Arts Degree from UCLA and is a 1989 graduate of USC Marshall School of Business Food Industry Management Program where she was selected by her peers as the “Student of the Year”.

“It is always gratifying to welcome an executive to the board that has directly benefited from the FIM program that the WAFC established at the University of Southern California in 1958. We applaud Donna’s success and welcome her participation” said Bryan Kaltenbach, WAFC President Chairman and President Food4Less/Foods Co.

Among Donna’s numerous achievements, she was recognized by Progressive Grocer in 2007 as one of the “Top Women in Grocery” in the United States.