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Aaron Levie, CEO of Box, and Greg Becker, CEO of Silicon Valley Bank, join TechNet Executive Council

Washington, D.C. — TechNet, the national, bipartisan network of innovation economy CEOs and senior executives, today announced the addition of two technology leaders to its Executive Council. Aaron Levie, Chief Executive Officer, Cofounder, and Chairman of Box, and Greg Becker, President and Chief Executive Officer of Silicon Valley Bank (SVB), will join TechNet’s Executive Council effective immediately.

TechNet’s diverse membership includes dynamic startups to the most iconic companies on the planet in the fields of information technology, e-commerce, advanced energy, biotechnology, venture capital, and finance.

In 2017, TechNet will work to increase more opportunities to more Americans through a [robust policy agenda](#) in Washington and at the state and local levels. This includes advocating for tax reform, computer science education, high-skilled immigration, policies that create a culture of entrepreneurship and startup job growth, and a national dialogue on the future of work.

“This is a pivotal moment for our nation and the innovation industry. In this time of transition, one thing must remain constant: our commitment to developing a culture of innovation and job creation here in the United States,” said TechNet’s president and CEO, Linda Moore. **“Box is a leading enterprise content management platform transforming the way people and businesses work, and Silicon Valley Bank has for more than 30 years helped innovative companies move bold ideas forward. As the leaders of these successful companies, Aaron and Greg bring valuable perspectives on how to grow jobs and drive innovation in our economy. We are fortunate to have them join TechNet’s Executive Council.”**

Levie said: **“As the world moves from an industrial to a digital economy, it’s critical that Silicon Valley engages with policymakers at every level of government. Maintaining the U.S.’s leadership in technology and innovation is going to require smart policy choices, strong partnerships between the public and private sectors, and creative approaches to both an array of complex issues – like privacy, security, and**

education – and ensuring the benefits of innovation are broadly shared. I look forward to engaging with my colleagues on TechNet’s Executive Council to add our voice to the key policy debates facing our nation.”

Becker said: **“Our nation must do all it can to create a culture that supports entrepreneurship and job creation. There is so much we can do – from finding innovative ways to help today’s high-growth startups scale, to equipping our students with the skills needed to become tomorrow’s next great American innovator. TechNet plays a crucial role in helping our nation’s policymakers chart the right course on these issues and more. I am excited to join TechNet’s Executive Council and engage on the issues that will allow the U.S. to continue to lead the world in innovation.”**

Aaron Levie

Aaron Levie is Chief Executive Officer, Cofounder, and Chairman of Box, which he launched in 2005 with CFO and cofounder Dylan Smith. He is the visionary behind the Box product and platform strategy, incorporating the best of secure content collaboration with an intuitive user experience suited to the way people work today. Aaron leads the company in its mission to transform the way people and businesses work so they can achieve their greatest ambitions. He has served on Box’s Board of Directors since April 2005. Aaron attended the University of Southern California from 2003 to 2005 before leaving to found Box.

Greg Becker

Greg Becker is President and Chief Executive Officer of Silicon Valley Bank and has been a champion of the innovation economy since he joined the organization in 1993. Silicon Valley Bank’s mission is to help increase the probability of its innovative clients’ success, globally. Under Becker’s leadership, Silicon Valley Bank’s growth rate has continued to outpace other banks. SVB has been named one of the fastest growing public companies in the U.S. and one of the best places to work. Becker is the chairman of the Silicon Valley Leadership Group (SVLG) and was appointed to the U.S. Department of Commerce’s Digital Economy Board of Advisors. He earned a bachelor’s degree in business from Indiana University.

Current members of TechNet’s Executive Council include:

- Bruce Aust, Vice Chairman, Nasdaq
- Safra A. Catz, CEO, Oracle Corporation
- John Chambers, Executive Chairman, Cisco

- John Doerr, Partner, Kleiner Perkins Caufield & Byers
- Michael Gregoire, CEO, CA Technologies
- Tim Healy, Co-Founder, Chairman and CEO, EnerNOC
- Terry Howerton, Co-Founder and CEO, TechNexus
- Badar Khan, President and CEO, Direct Energy
- Ronald A. Klain, Executive Vice President and General Counsel, Revolution LLC
- Gregg R. Melinson, Senior Vice President, Corporate Affairs, Hewlett Packard Enterprise
- Kim Polese, Chairman, ClearStreet, Inc.
- Ellen Richey, Vice Chairman, Risk and Public Policy, Visa
- Lyndon Rive, Co-Founder and CEO, SolarCity
- Eric Schmidt, Executive Chairman, Google
- Bruce Sewell, General Counsel and Senior Vice President of Legal and Global Security, Apple
- Brad Smith, President and Chief Legal Officer, Microsoft
- KR Sridhar, Co-Founder and CEO, Bloom Energy
- Julie Sweet, Group Chief Executive, North America, Accenture

TechNet's network of more than 70 members includes: Apple, Facebook, Oracle, Microsoft, Google, Cisco, Lyft, Airbnb, Kleiner Perkins Caufield & Byers, Bloom Energy, eBay, and Nasdaq, among others. A full list of TechNet members is available [here](#).

About TechNet

TechNet is the national, bipartisan network of technology CEOs and senior executives that promotes the growth of the innovation economy by advocating a targeted policy agenda at the federal and 50-state level. TechNet's diverse membership includes dynamic startups to the most iconic companies on the planet and represents more than two million employees in the fields of information technology, e-commerce, advanced energy, biotechnology, venture capital, and finance. TechNet has offices in Washington, D.C., Silicon Valley, San Francisco, Sacramento, Austin, Boston, Seattle, Albany, and Tallahassee.

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