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Elizabeth A. Murphy is a recognized strategic thinker and facilitator with 30 years of experience working in the nonprofit and philanthropic sector. Her consulting firm, The Murphy Group, Inc., specializes in designing and facilitating dynamic stakeholder engagement meetings; creating original projects for philanthropy and nonprofits; strategic planning; program and resource development; coalition and team-building; and board and staff retreats for optimizing missions and visions. Her firm has provided services for a wide range of missions including healthcare, the arts, disaster response, education, and community advocacy. Select projects include: Since 2012, in a part-time position, Murphy has led the development and execution of the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation’s statewide initiative Creative New Jersey which focuses on fostering cross-sector

collaboration and “building better communities through creativity, collaboration and inclusion.” In January 2016, she launched The Disaster Philanthropy Playbook, a multi-year joint project of the Council of NJ Grantmakers (CNJG) and the Washington DC-based Center for Disaster Philanthropy (www.disasterplaybook.org), which was co-conceived, managed, researched and written by Murphy. This one-of-a-kind national resource highlights key strategies, innovative practices and lessons learned that philanthropies nationwide have developed and implemented in response to disaster preparedness and recovery. In 2014/15, Murphy was a member of the founding team responsible for launching Pre-K Our Way, a statewide initiative launched by Maher Charitable Foundation.

Prior to founding her consulting firm, much of Murphy’s career was spent working in the theatre. She has produced over 125 theatrical productions throughout New York City, New Jersey, Belfast, Dublin, London, Edinburgh, and Australia (primarily world premieres, but also as the assistant producer for Broadway shows and US National Tours including the Tony Award winning *Falsettos*, the Tommy Tune Production of *Grease* starring Rosie O’Donnell, and *My Fair Lady* starring Richard Chamberlain). Murphy is a member of the Regional Planning Authority’s tri-state Committee on the Fourth Regional Plan, and has been an adjunct professor at Fairleigh Dickinson University, the University of Nevada/Las Vegas, and Hofstra University.