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Northern Virginia Chamber forms Diversity Equity & Inclusion Board of Advisors

Initiative will shape and guide programming and promoting a membership fully reflective of its unique and diverse community

Tysons Corner, Va. – Today the Northern Virginia Chamber of Commerce (Northern Virginia Chamber) formed a Diversity Equity & Inclusion (DE&I) Board of Advisors to shape and guide programming to put the organization’s values into impactful and swift action. The Northern Virginia Chamber has a long-standing commitment to ensuring the organization reflects the diversity of the region and advocates for an inclusive business climate that creates equitable access for all to thrive. In June, the Northern Virginia Chamber reaffirmed this commitment by condemning systemic racism and expressing support for Black Americans and our community [in a statement reaffirming the organization’s values](#).

The DE&I Board of Advisors is co-chaired by Kathryn Falk, Northern Virginia Chamber Board Chairman and Vice President and Market Leader for Northern Virginia Operations for Cox Communications and John A. Allen, Regional Bank President, Wells Fargo.

“When I was fortunate to become chairman of the Northern Virginia Chamber in June, I pledged to the membership and the broader community to take steps to advance our values with focused actions. One of those actions is to focus on advancing diversity, equity & inclusion,” said **Kathryn Falk, Northern Virginia Chamber Board of Directors Chair**. *“The formation of this Board of Advisors is another step we’re taking to reaffirm our values with our actions.”*

The Board of Advisors will report to the Executive Committee which has operationalized DE&I as a core business priority during each meeting. The full membership of the Board of Advisors is listed below:

Co-Chairman Kathryn Falk, Cox Communications

Co-Chairman John A. Allen, Wells Fargo

Kathy Albarado, Helios HR

Karla Bruce, Fairfax County Government

Anthony Chang, Washington REIT

Jim Dyke, McGuire Woods Consulting

Deb Gandy, Chevy Chase Trust

Luanne Gutermuth, LSG Solutions LLC

Victor Hoskins, Fairfax County EDA

Jermaine Johnson, PNC Bank

Matt McQueen, Peraton

Richard Pineda, CALIBRE

Scott Price, Dominion

Monica Schmude, Cigna

Tamika Tremaglio, Deloitte

Telly Tucker, Arlington Economic Development
Stephanie Turner, MITRE
Tien Wong, Opus8
Sheila Yosufy, John Marshall Bank

“Commitment to community is important and ensuring our organization reflects the diversity and vibrancy of our region is core to our continued future success,” said John A. Allen, Regional Bank President, Wells Fargo and co-chairman of the Board of Advisors. *“I look forward to working with this Board and sharing our impact.”*

The Board of Advisors is scheduled to convene monthly. The Executive Committee and Northern Virginia Chamber staff will take strategic and practical direction from this Council.

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About the Northern Virginia Chamber of Commerce

Originally founded in 1925 as a Fairfax county-focused business advocacy organization, the Northern Virginia Chamber has grown into region's largest Chamber of Commerce, drawing members and impacting policy across the Greater Washington D.C. Metropolitan Region. Today, 700 members strong, representing close to 500,000 employees, the diversity of our community is one of our greatest assets, offering opportunities to learn from one another and form personal connections that help guide lasting business growth.

NOVA's goal is to be considered not only a business partner but also an agent of change for our members. We do this through our work in government advocacy, education through events and programs, networking, promotion of member businesses, and recognition through awards. We are proud to have worked together over these many years to build a meaningful association that enriches our community and look forward to continuing that good work.

For more information, visit www.novachamber.org.