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AAHOA Announces New Secretary and Board Members at AAHOACON23

LOS ANGELES, Ca., Apr. 14 – Rahul Patel of Bradenton, Florida, is the new AAHOA Secretary. Patel is the Proprietor of Wisdom Group, LLC.

AAHOA Members also elected the following ten members to the Board of Directors:

- **Arkansas Regional Director:** Danny (Chintu) Patel
- **Florida Regional Director:** Chetan (Chris) Patel
- **Georgia Regional Director:** Vikesh (Vik) Zaver
- **Greater Los Angeles Area Regional Director:** Naresh (ND) Bhakta
- **North Central Regional Director:** Bhavesh N. Patel
- **North Pacific Regional Director:** Ankit Panchal
- **North Texas Regional Director:** Dhiren Masters
- **Director at Large Western Division:** Nalin (Neil) Patel
- **Young Professional Director Eastern Division:** Dylan Patel
- **Women Hoteliers Director Eastern Division:** Purnima Patel

The AAHOA Board of Directors also elected the following three members to serve as Industry Partners on the AAHOA Board:

- **Amir Ahmed**, Executive Vice President, DISH Business
- **John Houghtaling**, Managing Partner and Majority Owner, Gauthier Murphy & Houghtaling, LLC
- **Abraham Tieh**, Director of National Commercial Property Tax, O'Connor & Associates

“Congratulations to our new AAHOA Secretary, Rahul Patel, and all of our newly elected board members. It is truly encouraging to see so many members volunteering to serve America’s hotel owners,” **said incoming AAHOA Chairman Bharat Patel.** “Together, we are continuing to showcase the value and importance of AAHOA, the largest hotel owners association in the



world, and I am thrilled to start working alongside the new AAHOA Officers, our Board of Directors, and the entire AAHOA Team.”

“Congratulations to Rahul Patel and to all our newly elected board members. These individuals are excellent additions to the Board of Directors of America’s premier hotel owners association,” **said AAHOA President & CEO Laura Lee Blake.** “I am thankful for their dedication to our members and to the hospitality industry, and it is truly an honor to work with our Officers, Board of Directors, and the entire AAHOA team as we continue to lead this industry as the largest hotel owners association in the world.”

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About AAHOA

AAHOA is the largest hotel owners association in the nation, with Member-owned properties representing a significant part of the U.S. economy. AAHOA's 20,000 members own 60% of the hotels in the United States and are responsible for 1.7% of the nation's GDP. More than one million employees work at AAHOA member-owned hotels, earning \$47 billion annually, and member-owned hotels support 4.2 million U.S. jobs across all sectors of the hospitality industry. AAHOA's mission is to advance and protect the business interests of hotel owners through advocacy, industry leadership, professional development, member benefits, and community engagement.