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Greater Washington Partnership Launches New Board Committee Focused on Inclusive Growth

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Washington, D.C.— Today, The Greater Washington Partnership announced the formation of a new board committee focused on Inclusive Growth in the region. Representing the largest employers across the Capital Region, the Partnership is committed to identifying concrete actions that the business community can take to promote economic opportunity and shared prosperity across the region.

“This Committee brings together individuals and organizations with great energy, commitment, and experience in diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts,” said **Tony Pierce, Partner in charge of the Washington, DC office of Akin Gump Strauss Hauer and Feld LLP and Chair of the Inclusive Growth Committee.** “We have an incredible opportunity to shape a more inclusive trajectory for the region and create economic opportunity for underserved communities during this time of great need.”

In June, the companies that comprise the Partnership’s Board of Directors restated and greatly enhanced their [organizational commitments](#) for racial justice and support for historically marginalized communities. As an organization, the Partnership recognizes the structural barriers and disparities faced by communities of color across the Region and nation – ones that have been exacerbated and laid bare by COVID-19. To this end, the Partnership had made Inclusive Growth one of its core pillars and is redoubling its commitment to embed diversity and equity in all its endeavors.

The Committee is chaired by Tony Pierce, Partner in charge of the Washington, DC office of Akin Gump Strauss Hauer and Feld LLP, and its members are: **Jay Carney, Senior Vice President of Global Corporate Affairs at Amazon; Ron Daniels, President of the Johns Hopkins University; Carmine DiSibio, the Global Chairman and CEO of EY; Matt Kelly, CEO of JBG SMITH; Ted Leonsis,**





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CEO of Monumental Sports & Entertainment; Robert Moser, CEO of Clark Construction Group; Scott Rutherford, Partner in Charge of McKinsey & Company's Washington, DC Office; and Peter Scher, Head of Corporate Responsibility and Chairman of the Mid-Atlantic Region for JPMorgan Chase & Co.

We recognize that these challenges are great and cannot be solved by one sector alone. To that end, the Committee has recruited community advisors to share their insights and perspectives on regional challenges and opportunities. The advisors represent each of the Partnership's core regions – Maryland, D.C., and Virginia – and come from across the nonprofit and private sectors. The advisors are: [Rosie Allen-Herring](#), CEO of United Way of the National Capital Area; [Wes Moore](#), CEO of Robin Hood Foundation; and [Ellis Carr](#), CEO of Capital Impact Partners.

“Our region has incredible diversity and assets, but, like many regions across the country, there are persistent racial opportunity and outcome gaps that we can help address at the Partnership. By investing in inclusive growth efforts, we can improve the long-term competitiveness of our region and make it a magnet for talent and investment,” said **Rosie Allen-Herring, CEO of United Way of the National Capital Area and Community Advisor to the Inclusive Growth Committee.**

Over the next year, under the leadership of these business and community leaders, the Inclusive Growth initiative at the Partnership will focus on three integrated work streams: identifying and deploying new inclusive growth initiatives, amplifying inclusive growth work within existing Partnership programs, and creating inclusive growth collaborations among Partnership Board companies.

To find out more and get updates about the Partnership's inclusive growth work, please visit: www.greaterwashingtonpartnership.com.

About the Greater Washington Partnership

The Greater Washington Partnership is a first-of-its-kind civic alliance of CEOs in the region, drawing from the leading employers and entrepreneurs committed to making the Capital Region—from Baltimore to Richmond—one of the world's best places to live, work and build a business. Working in collaboration with leaders across our communities, the Partnership connects and leverages the region's extraordinary assets to advance inclusive, actionable solutions that strengthen Capital Region as a leading global region and center for commerce and innovation.

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