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Greater Washington Partnership Founders' Statement on Passing of Arne Sorenson, President and CEO of Marriott International

Washington, D.C. – The Greater Washington Partnership mourns the loss of Arne Sorenson, President and CEO of Marriott International. Arne's leadership in the Capital Region, his commitment to diversity and inclusion, and his generous spirit will be sorely missed by all of us.

"Arne was a great human being and an inspirational leader," said **Russ Ramsey, CEO of Ramsey Asset Management and Board Chair of the Partnership**. "The whole Greater Washington Partnership family extends our deepest sympathies to his loved ones."

"Arne was a visionary for the hospitality industry and driving force for innovation and equal access to opportunity in the Greater Washington Region," said Peter Scher, Chairman of the Mid-Atlantic region, Head of Corporate Responsibility at JPMorgan Chase, and Vice Chair of the Partnership. "We will miss him greatly and are keeping his entirely family and Marriot community in our thoughts."

"Arne was a legend – a giant in the hospitality industry, a philanthropist, and true people and culture leader," said **Ted Leonsis, CEO of Monumental Sports & Entertainment, and Vice Chair of the Partnership**. "He was a fighter to the end and his spirit and presence will be missed by all. Love to his family and rest in peace Arne."

"I have had the privilege of working with Arne, and calling him a friend, over the last decade," said **Mark Weinberger, former Global Chairman and CEO of EY and Board Member of the Partnership**. "Arne was admired by his colleagues, employees and his friends. A CEO who pioneered stakeholder capitalism before it was mainstream, and was courageous in lending his highly respected voice to social issues publicly when needed. My deepest sympathies to Arne's family and the thousands of Marriott associates around the world. We will miss him."



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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.

