



Gwinnett Place Community Improvement District Elects Two New Board Members

DULUTH, GA – April 14, 2017 – Gwinnett Place Community Improvement District (GPCID), a self-taxing district that uses additional property taxes to accelerate infrastructure improvements, security enhancements and economic development in the Gwinnett Place area, yesterday elected two new board members during the annual Caucus of Electors as a part of its monthly board meeting.

The new members include Trey Ragsdale, Manager of Government and Community Relations for Kaiser Permanente in Georgia, and Craig Hudson, Customer Experience Director at Boehringer Ingelheim Animal Health. They will serve a three-year term, and join five other board members working to enhance the vitality of Gwinnett Place through future improvement projects and by engaging more property owners to participate in the overall redevelopment efforts of the greater Gwinnett Place district.

“Craig and Trey are great advocates for Gwinnett Place being affiliated with some of our district’s largest employers. Their influence throughout the county will help us execute our plans to transform the area into a more walkable and sustainable mixed-use environment, as part of our strategy that will help re-shape Gwinnett Place’s future,” said Joe Allen, Executive Director of the Gwinnett Place CID.

Additional information follows:



Trey Ragsdale manages Government and Community Relations for Kaiser Permanente in Georgia. In this role, Ragsdale is responsible for securing government and community support for Kaiser Permanente's healthcare initiatives throughout Georgia.

Trey is extremely involved in the community serving on numerous corporate, civic and nonprofit boards, both locally and internationally, including the Atlanta Regional Commission Workforce Development Board, Gwinnett Chamber Board and Partnership Gwinnett.

He was also named one of Georgia Trend Magazine's Top 40 rising Business Leaders under the Age of 40 in Georgia and the Atlanta Business Chronicle selected him as one of the top 50 rising Business Leaders under the Age of 40 in the metropolitan Atlanta region.



Craig Hudson is head of Customer Services at Boehringer Ingelheim Animal Health. With over 10,000 employees worldwide, Boehringer Ingelheim Animal Health is one of the top animal health businesses in the world.

Craig is an active member of the business community, having served on numerous boards, including Gwinnett Chamber of Commerce, Georgia Chamber of Commerce Board

of Governors, Atlanta Metro Chamber's Board of Advisors and United Way of Gwinnett's Campaign Cabinet.

Currently, Craig serves on Partnership Gwinnett's Executive Council as Goal 2 Chair, Talent Development. Craig graduated from Georgia Tech with a Bachelor in Civil Engineering.

During the caucus Leo Wiener, President of Ackerman Retail, and Jill Edwards, Gwinnett Business Banking Manager for Wells Fargo, were re-elected.

Craig Kaufman, founder of Kaufman Realty Group and Andy Sumlin, Leasing Director for Cushman & Wakefield, completed their terms of service and rolled off the board.

The board elected Leo Wiener as Chair, James Song, President of CRJ, Inc., as Vice-Chair and Mark Williams, owner of Printing Trade Company, as Secretary/Treasurer.

About Gwinnett Place CID

The Gwinnett Place Community Improve District was founded in 2005 and its mission is to the vitality of Gwinnett's central business district by strengthening the area's role as the center of economic and employment activity. With its proximity to the world-class Arena at Gwinnett Center venue and the Interstate 85 and Georgia Highway 316 corridors, Gwinnett Place serves as the gateway to the Atlanta region and all of Northeast Georgia.

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