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BRIAN NESTANDE ELECTED CHAIRPERSON OF MOUNT SAN JACINTO WINTER PARK AUTHORITY

PALM SPRINGS, CA (February 13, 2020) Former Inland Assemblyman **Brian Nestande** has been elected 2020 chairman of the **Mount San Jacinto Winter Park Authority** (MSJWPA), governing body of the **Palm Springs Aerial Tramway**. Nestande was appointed to the Authority by the Riverside County Board of Supervisors in 2016, and reappointed by Supervisor Manuel Perez and the Board of Supervisors in 2020.

Nestande, now deputy county executive officer for Riverside County, represented the 42nd district in the California State Assembly from 2008 to 2014. Previously, he served as chief of staff for Congressman Sonny Bono and then Congresswoman Mary Bono.

According to Nestande, "This is a very exciting time to serve on the Tram board with the restoration of the Mountain Station and all the other improvements now occurring. It is truly an honor to be elected chair for the coming year."

"Mr. Nestande's experience in all levels of government operations combined with his leadership skills have been extremely valuable to the Authority during his four years on the board," adds **Tramway General Manager Nancy Nichols**. "We are very happy to now welcome him to the chairman's position."

Nestande succeeds 2019 **Chair Nancy Stuart**, a 2000 Palm Springs City Council MSJWPA appointee and retired banker.

The current Authority members are: **Jerry Ogburn** and **Nancy Stuart** appointed by the Palm Springs City Council; **Bary Freet** and **Brian Nestande** appointed by the Riverside County Board of Supervisors; and **Brian Conley**, **Sandra Magana-Cuellar** and **Jeff Ohlfs** appointed by the Governor.

About Palm Springs Aerial Tramway

The Palm Springs Aerial Tramway is the world's largest rotating tram car. Opened in 1963, the Tram's 80-passenger cars travel along the breathtaking cliffs of Chino Canyon from the Valley Station (elevation 2,643 ft.) to the Mountain Station (elevation 8,516 ft.) in approximately 10 minutes. For more information, please call 888.515.TRAM or 760.325.1391, or visit us at www.pstramway.com. Also, download the Tramway's free mobile tour available now in the App Store/Google Play

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