From: VTA Board Secretary

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To: VTA Board of Directors

Subject: VTA Announcement: Greg Richardson as CFO

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## **VTA Board of Directors:**

Attached is a memorandum from VTA General Manager/CEO Carolyn Gonot announcing that Greg Richardson will join VTA as the Chief Financial Officer.

Thank you.

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## **MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** VTA Board of Directors

FROM: Carolyn M. Gonot, General Manager/CEO Carolyn M Const

**DATE:** November 18, 2021

**SUBJECT:** Finance Department Staffing Announcement

I am pleased to announce that Greg Richardson will be joining VTA as our Chief Financial Officer. Greg comes to us from Atlanta, Georgia with an extensive background in various industries, most recently in airport finance, operations and administration.

Since 2011, Greg served as the Assistant and then Deputy General Manager & CFO for the City of Atlanta's Hartsfield Jackson Atlanta International Airport. In this role, Greg led all finance, accounting, budget and treasury functions to support the multi-billion dollar operating and capital program. Additionally, as a member of the executive team for the world's busiest and most efficient airport, Greg worked directly with the General Manager on all decisions related to airport operations, strategic planning, human resources, commercial development, airline affairs, capital development, and asset management and sustainability.

Prior to becoming the Deputy GM & CFO, Greg worked as the city's Controller where he provided guidance and education to the mayor's administration and city council. Greg has also worked for publicly traded and private organizations in areas of financial electronic commerce products and software, and the insurance and restaurant industries.

Greg is an elected representative for the Airports Council International (ACI) for the World Economic Standing Committee and the incoming chair for the ACI -North America Finance Committee, and earned the recognition as ACI CFO of the Year in 2020. He graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Accounting from Florida State University. Greg's first day will be December 6, 2021.

I would also like to take this opportunity to share my sincere appreciation for Interim CFO Kathleen Kelly's great leadership, guidance, and financial acumen. Kathleen joined us as a consultant shortly after the first of 2021, serving beside us during some of our most challenging times. She committed to extend her stay until we could hire a CFO and for that I am truly grateful. Kathleen will help Greg with the transition through the end of this year at which time we will bid her farewell and good wishes.

Please join me in welcoming Greg to VTA!