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Georgetown Chamber of Commerce Names New President

GEORGETOWN, TEXAS - The Georgetown Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors named Jim Johnson the new President today after a nearly three-month-long search process. He succeeds Karen Sheldon who held the post for the past four years before she retired in December.

Jim Johnson has been serving as the President and CEO of the Lufkin/Angelina County Chamber of Commerce, a U.S. Chamber of Commerce five-star accredited organization, and the Lufkin/Angelina Economic Development Partnership. While there, he has been responsible for the daily operations, strategic planning and partnerships with multiple community organizations.

“We are delighted to welcome Jim as the next President of the Georgetown Chamber of Commerce,” Board Chair Wendy Cash said. “Jim brings tremendous experience from his time in fast-growing communities that will be crucial as our community grows and we continue to strengthen relationships with our partners in the city, school district and healthcare system. The chamber greatly appreciates the participation of the City of Georgetown, Georgetown ISD and St. David’s Healthcare in the search and interview process. I believe it highlights the value of collaboration in our community, which Jim has also demonstrated in his previous leadership roles”.

Mr. Johnson was selected following an extensive process that identified 36 prospective candidates from throughout the United States.

He will assume his position at the Chamber beginning April 23, 2018.

"I am excited and honored to be selected as the next President of the Georgetown Chamber of Commerce. Georgetown is an amazing community with great businesses and leaders," Jim Johnson said. "The Chamber is an important part of the city and I look forward to meeting and supporting our members."

Before Lufkin/Angelina County, Johnson served as Vice President of the Pearland Chamber of Commerce in Pearland, TX and as a Senior Event Manager for Hilton Worldwide.

Johnson is a 2015 graduate of the Institute for Organizational Management and a graduate of both Leadership Lufkin and Leadership Pearland. He currently serves on the board of directors for Texas Chamber of Commerce Executives, Texas Association of Business, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce's Institute for Organizational Management - West Location, the Angelina Arts Alliance, the George H. Henderson Jr. Expo Center, Angelina Beautiful Clean, the Texas Forestry Museum and the Lufkin State Supported Living Center's Volunteer Council. Previously, he was a member of the Western Association of Chamber Executives (W.A.C.E.) first-ever Emerging Leaders Advisory Council from 2013 to 2016.

He holds a B.A. in History and a minor in Political Science from Texas State University. Johnson is married to his wife Jasmine and they have one son.

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About the Chamber: The Georgetown Chamber of Commerce is an independent, not-for-profit 501(c)6 organization with a membership of more than 1,100 businesses.

Mission Statement: The Georgetown Chamber of Commerce supports and promotes economic growth and success for our members and our community through advocacy, education and community engagement. www.georgetownchamber.org