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## **AAHOA President and CEO Chip Rogers to Step Down**

ATLANTA, Ga, Dec. 19 – The Asian American Hotel Owners Association (AAHOA) announced today that Chip Rogers will step down as President and CEO to pursue an opportunity as President and CEO of the American Hotel and Lodging Association (AHLA). Rogers will work with AAHOA’s leadership through early 2019 to ensure an effective transition and the success of ongoing projects and relationships.

“We thank Chip for his remarkable service to AAHOA and to our members,” said AAHOA Chairman, Hitesh (HP) Patel. “For more than a decade, hoteliers have known Chip, first as a state legislator who stood up for small business owners, then as the architect of AAHOA’s government affairs department, and for the last five years, as our President and CEO. Under Chip’s leadership, AAHOA achieved extraordinary success by all measures. Our membership numbers, business relationships, industry reputation, and advocacy presence grew exponentially because of Chip’s efforts,” said Patel.

“Although Chip is leaving AAHOA, he will continue to serve as a distinguished leader in our industry. AAHOA is proud of our relationship with AHLA, and we look forward to working with Chip and his new team to continue to lead the lodging industry together,” said Patel.

“AAHOA will celebrate our 30th Anniversary in 2019, and our association is at its strongest point in our history. We eclipsed 18,500 members earlier this year, our revenues continue to grow, and our position in the industry has never been stronger. We have begun a comprehensive search process to find our next CEO who will build on this tremendous foundation,” concluded Patel.

### **About AAHOA:**

*AAHOA is the largest hotel owners association in the world. The over 18,500 AAHOA members own almost one in every two hotels in the United States. With billions of dollars in property assets and hundreds of thousands of employees, AAHOA members are core economic contributors in virtually every community. AAHOA is a proud defender of free enterprise and the foremost current-day example of realizing the American dream.*

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