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**AAHOA Announces New Secretary and Board Members**

Baltimore, MD, Apr. 15 – Kamalesh (KP) Patel of Santa Cruz, CA, is the new AAHOA Secretary. Patel is the CEO of Aarav Hospitality, LLC, and AKS Hospitality, LLC.

AAHOA Members also elected the following ten members to the Board of Directors:

- Alabama Regional Director: Sanjay M. Patel
- Central Midwest Regional Director: Arti Patel
- North Carolina Regional Director: Pinkesh Patel
- Northeast Regional Director: Preyas Patel
- Northwest Regional Director: Taran Patel
- Upper Midwest Regional Director: Kalpesh Joshi
- Washington DC Area Regional Director: Deepak Patel
- Director at Large Eastern Division: Pinal Patel
- Director at Large Western Division: Hitesh Patel
- Young Professional Director – Western Division: Tanmay Patel

“I’m thrilled to welcome our new AAHOA Secretary and all of our newly elected board members. Over the last 30 years, our volunteer leaders have worked tirelessly to make AAHOA a leading hotel association in the U.S. and advocate for initiatives that help the hospitality industry thrive,” said incoming AAHOA Chairman Nishant (Neal) Patel. “As we continue on this road to recovery, it is encouraging to see so many members rising to the occasion and serving America’s hotel owners. I can’t wait to start working alongside the new AAHOA Officers, our Board of Directors, and the entire AAHOA Team. Together, we will work on taking this great association to the next level.”

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## **About AAHOA**

*AAHOA is the largest hotel owners association in the nation, with Member-owned properties representing a significant part of the U.S. economy. AAHOA's 20,000 members own 60% of the hotels in the United States and are responsible for 1.7% of the nation's GDP. More than one million employees work at AAHOA member-owned hotels, earning \$47 billion annually, and member-owned hotels support 4.2 million U.S. jobs across all sectors of the hospitality industry. AAHOA's mission is to advance and protect the business interests of hotel owners through advocacy, industry leadership, professional development, member benefits, and community engagement.*