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GIOVANNI VIRGEN APPOINTED TO PALM SPRINGS AERIAL TRAMWAY GOVERNING BOARD

PALM SPRINGS, CA (January 6, 2025) The **Riverside County Board of Supervisors** has announced the appointment of **Giovanni Virgen** to the **Mount San Jacinto Winter Park Authority**, governing body of the **Palm Springs Aerial Tramway**.

Born in Palm Springs, Virgen has lived most of his life in the Coachella Valley. He graduated from the University of California, Riverside with a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering and currently works for Armtec Defense Technologies in Coachella, California as a Manufacturing Engineer. According to Virgen, "Over the course of my career, I've had the pleasure of working with the U.S. Army, public works agencies, and various other government agencies. I'm now looking forward to serving my community and the wonderful people who work tirelessly to make the Palm Springs Tramway the modern marvel that it is today."

The Authority was created by the Mount San Jacinto Winter Park Authority Act Ch. 1040 of the Statutes of 1945, as amended by Ch. 70 of the Statutes of 1947 and Ch.1004 of 1951, of the State of California. Two members of the Authority are appointed by the Palm Springs City Council, two by the Riverside County Board of Supervisors and three by the California Governor.

The State appointees are **Brian Conley**, **Sandra Magana-Cuellar** and **Jeff Ohlfs**; the (second) County appointee is **Jonathan Hoy**; and the City appointees are **Jerry Ogburn** and **Nancy Stuart**.

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 in the App Store or Google Play

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