



Douglas C. Evans Named President and CEO of Palm Beach Chamber of Commerce

(Palm Beach, Florida) The Palm Beach Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors has named Douglas C. Evans as the new President and Chief Executive Officer of the business organization. The announcement was made by William Shepherd, Chair of the Board and a Partner with Holland & Knight LLP in West Palm Beach. The Chason Group was retained by the chamber to lead the executive search process.

Evans previously served as Chief Philanthropy Officer for The Guy Harvey Foundation and is a resident of the Town of Palm Beach.

"Doug has the experience in the business and nonprofit sectors the Search Committee was looking for when we initiated the process," according to Shepherd. "He has proven his ability to develop strategic fundraising plans in other positions and serve as the key leader and voice of organizations. The Board believes Doug has the abilities to build upon the solid foundation the Chamber already has in place."

"The Palm Beach Chamber is the voice for business," Evans said. "I am excited about working in the community I live in and being a part of its success in the future. The Chamber is a partnership building organization. I appreciate the opportunity the Board has given me to join the team."

Evans has held C-level positions with the Perez Art Museum of Miami, and Fashion Scholarship Fund, New York. In 2007 he founded a classical music radio station serving all of South Florida, including Fort Lauderdale, Miami, and Palm Beach. Earlier in his career, Evans served as Executive Director of the Connecticut Commission on Culture and Tourism.

"The Search Committee was seeking a dynamic collaborator and communicator who understands the goal of building a stronger Chamber for business but doing it in a way that preserves the unique nature of the Town," Shepherd said. "Doug is that leader. He will be responsible for the day-to-day operations and developing a strategic plan for the Chamber."



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Other organization accountable duties for the President include financial growth and management, talent development, communications, government relations/public policy, and building partnerships for economic, community and regional development.

The search process was divided into three segments. The first phase included conversations with various stakeholders in the area and listening to their thoughts on character traits required of the new leader. The second segment focused on identifying candidates who met the Search Committee's criteria through a nationwide search. Finally, the committee initiated a vetting process to include a detailed application and in-person interviews to learn more about the most qualified candidates

About the Palm Beach Chamber. The Chamber is recognized currently for its monthly breakfast meetings with nationally known speakers focusing on issues impacting the business community. Other initiatives include a Trustee program for unique small gathering opportunities with leaders; an ambassador program that assists members with the organization's benefits; and a young professionals' program that serves to enhance the exposure, opportunity, and impact of young, career minded individuals living or working in Palm Beach through social, civic, and professional participation. The Chamber also coordinates the publication of the Palm Beach Guide which is distributed annually to all Palm Beach households and major waterfront residences along the intracoastal waterway.

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