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CENTRAL TERMINAL RESTORATION CORP. GROWS BOARD AS NEW FUTURE IS AROUND THE CORNER FOR THE BUFFALO CENTRAL TERMINAL

BUFFALO, NY — The Central Terminal Restoration Corp (CTRC) welcomes Paul V. Harris, PMP, Kimberley LaVare, PMP, Christina P. Orsi, and Rishawn T. Sonubi, AIA to the Board of Directors. The not-for-profit board is overseeing the rehabilitation and reuse of the Buffalo Central Terminal – a majestic historic landmark - as a lasting cultural and economic hub for the community.

Harris, LaVare, Orsi, and Sonubi join the board at a pivotal point in time for the organization and the reuse of the historic Buffalo Central Terminal. This year the organization began Phase 2 of construction to address the highest priority safety and stabilization issues, reopen the Passenger Concourse for public access on a limited basis, and expand use of the Plaza and the Great Lawn. The CTRC will also select a real estate development partner after a year-long, two-stage selection process. The CTRC and real estate developer will work together to push forward the reuse of the Buffalo Central Terminal as a vibrant, hub of activity for the community—a beacon that attracts people and investment.

"I am thrilled to welcome our newest board directors. They join a strong organization at a pivotal time and will play a crucial role in steering the Buffalo Central Terminal into the next chapter of development and reuse" says James Morrell, Chair of the CTRC Board.

Paul V. Harris, PMP is a dedicated executive with over 15 years of experience in applied mechanical engineering. Harris currently serves as the Superintendent of Mechanical Maintenance with the Buffalo Sewer Authority, overseeing the second largest wastewater treatment plant in New York State. In this role he provides leadership in strategic goal setting and visioning, operational and organizational culture change within a union environment, as well as high standards of



accountability in service of public health and environmental stewardship. Harris holds a degree in Mechanical Engineering from the University at Buffalo and is a certified Project Management Professional (PMP). Deeply embedded in the Broadway-Fillmore community, Harris serves on the Board of Directors of Broadway-Fillmore Neighborhood Housing Services and the Jericho Road Community Health Center.



Kimberley LaVare, PMP is a certified Project Management Professional (PMP) and currently serves as the Managing Director of the Clementine Gold Group. LaVare holds a Masters of Urban Planning (MUP) from the University at Buffalo. LaVare is a seasoned Diversity Equity and Inclusion (DEI) practitioner with extensive experience in project management, community engagement, construction management, and operations.

She excels at change management and delivering measurable results. Recently, Kim helped clients grow their inclusive procurement by 330% and increase hiring diversity by 50% through operationalizing organizational goals. Her experience in strategic planning was honed by managing over 125 projects as well as building and renovating more than 2 million square feet in her career. LaVare also received two American Institute of Architects (AIA) awards for excellence in design and an NYS Excellence in Historic Preservation for her work on the Evergreen Lofts project.

Christina P. Orsi is the President of The John R. Oishei Foundation, bringing more than 20 years' experience in leading organizations and economic development initiatives that have improved the region. Most recently, she served as the Associate Vice President in the Office of Economic Development at the University at Buffalo, where she led University-wide economic development efforts and built connections with the private sector to advance entrepreneurship and innovation. Prior to that, Orsi provided strategic direction for the Western New York Regional Economic Development Council and played an integral role in New York State's Buffalo Billion economic development plan. Throughout her career Orsi has been a catalyst for driving innovation and entrepreneurial advances in Western New York and instrumental in attracting new business connections, forging sustainable partnerships, and stewarding billions of revitalization funds to the area. Her focus has been on community growth and transforming the region by capitalizing on its rich assets.





Rishawn T. Sonubi, AIA is a Partner with Young + Wright Architectural and has over 20-years experience in design and construction. Sonubi is a graduate of the University of Buffalo (UB), where he received his Master of Architecture, Master of Urban and Regional Planning, and a Bachelor of professional Studies in Architectural Technology. Beyond his professional commitments, Sonubi is a dedicated husband, father volunteer, actively participating in various local public and professional boards and committees. Notably, he served as the 2022 AIA Buffalo/WNY Chapter President and is a member of the Dean's Council at UB's School of Architecture & Planning. His contributions extend to the Erie Canalside Harbor Development Corporation Design Review Committee,

where he is the longest-serving member, and he was recently appointed to the advisory board of Erie Community College's Architectural Technology Department.

Our full slate of board of directors is James Morrell (Chair), Annie O'Neil-White (Vice Chair), Thomas Kucharski (Treasurer), John Jiloty (Secretary), Thomas Beauford, Paul V. Harris, PMP, Angela Klein, Kimberley LaVare, Gustavo Lima, AIA, Michael Nisengard, Christina P. Orsi, Rishawn Sonubi, AIA, and Carl Skompinski.

About the Central Terminal Restoration Corp.

The [Central Terminal Restoration Corp.](#) (CTRC) is a 501c3c non-profit organization driven by a mission to develop the Buffalo Central Terminal – a majestic historic landmark – as a lasting cultural and economic hub for the community. The CTRC has cared for this living landmark for more than 20 years. A prominent feature of Buffalo's East Side and the Broadway-Fillmore neighborhood, the Buffalo Central Terminal is a singular catalytic opportunity to ignite a shared vision for a new future. The 2021 community-driven Master Plan re-establishes the Terminal as a vibrant local and regional destination—a beacon that attracts people and investment, celebrates and fosters community voice, and shapes broader equitable development. More information see the [CTRC Media Kit here](#).

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