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## LINCOLN THEATRE ASSOCIATION BOARD OF TRUSTEES TO INSTALL THREE NEW OFFICERS IN 2019

### *Larry James Completes Term as Board President*

On January 1, 2019, Lincoln Theatre Association (LTA) Board President Larry James will pass the gavel to incoming Board President Marlon Moore. James has helmed the LTA board since its formation in 2008, as it prepared for the 2009 grand reopening of the historic Lincoln Theatre following a \$13.5 million renovation.

“I am pleased to leave the Lincoln on solid footing with rock-solid capital conditions and a healthy operating budget,” stated James. “It has been an honor to serve, and I am confident the Lincoln will be well cared for in the talented and devoted hands of the incoming officers and present board members.”

Over his two-year term, incoming president Moore will oversee the activities of the Lincoln Theatre, furthering the organization’s mission of engaging, educating, and entertaining the central Ohio community. With support from a recently created office of vice president, a newly appointed treasurer, and a long-standing secretary, Moore takes the helm of an experienced and mission-dedicated board.

“I am extremely honored to work with such a great group people who are committed to the Lincoln,” stated Moore. “Our collective goal is to deliver sustainable programs and events that provide our community with access to world-class artistic expression and serve as an economic catalyst for the King-Lincoln District and downtown Columbus.”

Beginning January 1, 2019, the LTA board officers will be:

#### **Marlon Moore, Ph.D., LTA President**

*Senior Vice President, Chief Diversity & Inclusion Officer, Huntington Bank*

Moore's organizational focus is to improve the mix of diverse talent and suppliers through strategic execution of Huntington's diversity and inclusion strategy. Huntington was recently recognized by *Forbes* as one of the top employers for diversity and women. Moore earned a Master of Arts in psychology with a specialization in diversity management from Cleveland State University, and a Doctor of Philosophy from the Chicago School of Professional Psychology. He received the Champions of Diversity Award from DiversityBusiness.com and was recently recognized by *Black Enterprise* as one of the top corporate diversity executives of 2018. Moore also serves on the boards of COTA and Central State University.

#### **Peter Hersha, LTA Vice President**

*Senior Vice President, Chief Litigation Officer, Nationwide Insurance*

Hersha protects Nationwide at a business and corporate level with regard to litigation and litigation avoidance strategies. He previously led Nationwide's Trial Division, managing approximately 875 people in 64 law offices located in 34 states. Hersha has served on the board of the Lincoln Theatre Association since 2017. He previously served on and was president of the boards of the National Foundation for Judicial Excellence (Chicago), CATCO, and A Portable Theatre, Inc., and served on and chaired the Board of the Homeless Families Foundation. He is also a past president of the Ohio Association of Civil Trial Attorneys.

**Anthony Underdown, LTA Treasurer**

*Financial Center Manager, Fifth Third Bank*

Underdown has extensive experience in transforming businesses by reinventing operations, financial practices, and processes to achieve organization goals and desired outcomes. Prior to joining Fifth Third, he worked at Heartland Bank as a commercial and retail manager, overseeing branch operations, infrastructure, commercial loan origination, and underwriting. Underdown is the former board treasurer for Gahanna Parks and Recreation and has served on several boards and organizations. He earned a bachelor's degree in finance from The Ohio State University.

**Angela Pace, LTA Secretary**

*Director of Community Affairs, WBNS-10TV*

Angela Pace anchored the news in Columbus for 26 years, first with WCMH-TV and then with WBNS-TV. Now as director of community affairs for WBNS, Pace serves as a liaison between the local CBS affiliate and the central Ohio community. Her list of honors and accomplishments clearly reflects her commitment to the community. Among her many awards and honors, Pace has received the Governor's Award for Journalism and Community Service, the Women of Achievement Award from the YWCA of Central Ohio, a Capital University Outstanding Alumni Award, and the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Columbus Association of Black Journalists. The Columbus Bar Association has established a foundation in her name. Money from that foundation was used to build the Angela Pace Welcome Room at the Center for Child and Family Advocacy at Nationwide Children's Hospital.

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**About the Lincoln Theatre**

First opened in 1928, the Lincoln Theatre is a landmark in African-American and jazz history. After undergoing a \$13.5 million renovation funded by a partnership of public and private support, the Lincoln reopened in May 2009 as a multi-use, state-of-the-art performing arts and education center serving the diversity of the central Ohio community. The Lincoln is a bustling hub of activity 365 days a year hosting performances, rehearsals, and classes in the performing arts, as well as a wide variety of community events such as film festivals, meetings, and receptions.

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