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PALM SPRINGS ART MUSEUM ADDRESSES INACCURACIES IN RECENT COVERAGE

Palm Springs, CA (November 13, 2025) — Palm Springs Art Museum is disappointed by recent reporting about its Board of Trustees and the executive director hiring process. Reporting has inaccurately suggested that multiple trustees resigned in protest. In fact, one trustee resigned after voicing concerns about the process, and other recent departures were due to personal or professional reasons unrelated to the appointment.

The museum followed all proper governance procedures and stands firmly behind its decision to appoint Christine Vendredi as the JoAnn McGrath Executive Director. Christine brings extensive international experience in art, architecture, and design, and her expertise and vision make her exceptionally qualified to guide the museum into its next chapter.

The museum remains focused on advancing its mission through inspiring exhibitions, programs, and community engagement.

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About Palm Springs Art Museum

Palm Springs Art Museum is the largest cultural institution in the Coachella Valley. The flagship building, located in downtown Palm Springs, features compelling art exhibitions, a vast permanent collection, and the Annenberg Theater, all in a 150,000-square-foot, architecturally significant building. Five blocks away, the Palm Springs Art Museum Architecture and Design Center, Edwards Harris Pavilion, features exhibitions and programming that explore the rich topics of architecture and design. The museum's collection also contains two icons of modernist design: Frey House II (1962) on the mountainside behind the main building and Aluminaire House™ (1932) on museum grounds.