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### **PRESTON GREENE HIRED AS OMSI VICE PRESIDENT OF REAL ESTATE AND WILL PLAY AN INTEGRAL ROLE IN CREATING THE NEW OMSI DISTRICT**

**PORTLAND, Ore. (Nov. 2, 2021)** – The Oregon Museum of Science and Industry (OMSI) announced that Preston Greene joined the organization as the new Vice President of Real Estate on Nov. 1. Preston will help lead the development of the OMSI District, a one-of-a-kind neighborhood - an inclusive community destination, with innovation and science learning at its heart and public access to the river. Covering 10 city blocks, the District is expected to include three million square feet of new mixed use buildings alongside businesses, retail, restaurants and public green space. Additionally up to 1,000 units of new housing are planned, with a minimum of 20% of those units being affordable.

“I am excited to work with OMSI and community stakeholders to realize the vision of the OMSI District Development,” said Greene. “The opportunity to further enhance the Central Eastside community through the revelation of the OMSI District Master Plan coupled with the ability to work with the amazing team at OMSI is a once in a lifetime opportunity.”

Preston comes to OMSI with a diverse background and wealth of experience in real estate operations. He is a fourth-generation farm owner and a licensed Oregon Attorney. Preston previously held legal positions for the Chief Judge of the Oregon Court of Appeals and the Portland Development Commission. After leaving the legal profession, Preston spent eight years at CBRE Inc., where he worked with some of the largest companies in the world, as well as local companies including PacTrust, Harsch, Trammel Crow and Pacific Northwest Properties. During this time he completed more than one thousand transactions in twenty-two states and six countries. Preston also served the Portland community as a Board Member for the Portland Community Reinvestment Initiative (PCRI) from 2012 to 2016 and Board President from 2014 to 2016. As Board President, Preston helped PCRI achieve 14 percent growth in assets and completed three development projects, bringing over five hundred multi-family units to the Portland community.

After leaving CBRE, Preston successfully founded and operated two companies: Yerba Buena and NW Veterinary Management. Yerba Buena was named one of the 2018 100 Best Companies to Work For in Oregon and was in the top 10 of the 100 Best Green Workplaces in Oregon by *Oregon Business Magazine*. It was sold to a publicly-traded company in 2019. Preston then established the northwest office for Freedom Financial Funds, a Calabasas-based Real Estate Investment Trust.

“The OMSI Executive Team and Board of Trustees are thrilled to welcome Preston as our new Vice President of Real Estate,” said OMSI President Erin Graham. “Preston brings a strong background and knowledge of real estate, as well as organizational, interpersonal, and management skills to our team. I am looking forward to working closely with him to bring the OMSI District vision to life.”

## **About OMSI**

Founded in 1944, the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry (OMSI) is one of the nation's leading science museums, a world-class tourist attraction and an award-winning educational resource for the kid in each of us. OMSI operates the largest museum-based outdoor science education program in the country and provides traveling and community outreach programs that bring science learning opportunities to schools and community organizations in every county in Oregon and throughout the region. OMSI is located at 1945 SE Water Avenue, Portland, OR 97214. For general information, call 503.797.4000 or visit [omsi.edu](http://omsi.edu). Connect with the museum on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#).