

THE TRUST FOR GOVERNORS ISLAND

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Christopher Tepper Joins the Trust for Governors Island as Chief Development Officer

August 28, 2019— The Trust for Governors Island today announced the hiring of Christopher Tepper as Chief Development Officer. Tepper has over 12 years of experience in the private, public and non-profit real estate sectors. He joins the Trust with an extensive track-record in delivering development projects throughout the city, and will help lead the next phase of transformation of Governors Island into a year-round resource for New York City.

As Chief Development Officer, a newly created role within the organization, Tepper will oversee planning, real estate and capital projects to support the next phase of Governors Island's development as a vibrant campus for learning, innovation and culture with extraordinary open space. His responsibilities will include overseeing the adaptive reuse of nearly 1M SF of historic former military buildings and activating 33 acres of ground-up development area with academic, commercial, non-profit and cultural facilities, as well as overseeing an ambitious \$100M capital plan to support expanded access and future development on Governors Island.

“Chris brings an extraordinary track-record for delivering transformative projects that have enlivened neighborhoods and created jobs throughout New York City ,” said **Clare Newman, Trust for Governors Island President and CEO**. “We’re thrilled to have Chris bring his expertise across the private and public sectors, and his passion for mission-oriented projects to Governors Island, where he will be an important advocate for its future expansion, benefiting New Yorkers for years to come.”

“I am excited about the opportunity to work with Clare and the Trust’s talented team to foster development on Governors Island that will further transform this unique place into a true 24/7 hub of innovative institutions, forward-thinking businesses, and inspiring cultural activity,” said **Christopher Tepper**.

About Christopher Tepper

Christopher Tepper has over 12 years of experience in the private, public and non-profit real estate sectors managing both adaptive reuse and ground-up, mixed-use developments. Most recently he was a Director at the Hudson Companies, Inc. where he oversaw the development of two ground-up mixed-income LEED Gold rental buildings totaling 420 apartments in the Prospect Lefferts Gardens neighborhood of Brooklyn, the conversion and leasing of a 10,000 SF warehouse into a hub for creative office and retail in East Williamsburg, and most recently lead a team with Housing Works, Inc. designated to build a new 113 unit supportive housing building for seniors living with HIV in the Hell's Kitchen neighborhood of Manhattan.

Chris previously worked as a Senior Vice President with Jamestown Properties at Industry City managing the master planning and redevelopment of the 6M SF commercial and industrial campus in Sunset Park, Brooklyn. Prior to Industry City, Chris was a Vice President for Development and Planning at the Brooklyn Navy Yard Development Corporation where he

oversaw the financing and redevelopment of several large industrial buildings into centers for modern commercial and manufacturing tenants, as well as negotiated and managed tenant leases including the Brooklyn Grange rooftop farm and Kings County Distillery facility and tasting room. Chris began his career in real estate as an Assistant Vice President at the NYC Economic Development Corporation in the Real Estate Transaction Services group working on various public private partnership developments across the City.

Chris received a Bachelor of Arts in Economics from the University of Chicago and a Master of Finance from Universidad Torcuato di Tella in Buenos Aires, Argentina, where he studied as a Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholar. Chris is the co-founder of the New York City AIDS Memorial, which built New York City's first significant public space dedicated to the AIDS epidemic at NYC AIDS Memorial Park in the West Village, and he continues to serve on the organization's Board of Directors.

About the Trust for Governors Island

The Trust for Governors Island is the 501(c)3 not-for-profit organization created by the City of New York and charged with the planning, redevelopment, and ongoing operations of 150 acres of Governors Island. The Trust's mission is to transform Governors Island into a vibrant resource for New York City, making the Island a destination with extraordinary public open space, as well as educational, not-for-profit, and commercial facilities.

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