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Upper Moreland Township Commissioner R. Samuel Valenza is The Pennsylvania State Association of Township Commissioners New President *Officers Also Elected to the PSATC Executive Committee*

Harrisburg, PA (October 12, 2021) — Upper Moreland Township Commissioner R. Samuel Valenza was elected President of the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Commissioners (PSATC) last Friday, during the association's Annual Business Meeting held in conjunction with the Municipal Leadership Summit in Lancaster.

Commissioner Valenza has been a member of The PSATC Executive Committee since 2014, most recently serving as First Vice President of the Association.

"One of my important takeaways that I have learned over the last 14 years involves relationships," said Commissioner Valenza. "In particular, the relationships that we have built together to make this organization what it is today."

In 2007, Mr. Valenza was elected to serve his community as a Commissioner in Ward 6 of Upper Moreland Township and has been serving since January 2008. He was elected and served as President Commissioner from 2010-2017 and has been serving as the Chairperson of the Finance and Administrative Committee since 2008.

In addition, North Versailles Township Commissioner Sam Juliano was elected First Vice President, Wilkes-Barre Commissioner John Jablowski was elected Second Vice President, Tinicum Township Commissioner Dennis Arthur was elected Third Vice President and Lower Merion Township Commissioner Tiffany O'Neill was elected Secretary/Treasurer. The PSATC officers will each serve a one-year term in their respective positions on the Executive Committee.

"I congratulate Commissioner Valenza on his ascendancy to the PSATC presidency," said League Executive Director Richard J Schuettler. "I further congratulate all of the newly elected PSATC officers. The League looks forward to working with them to further the cause of first class townships in Pennsylvania."

Municipal elected and appointed officials from across the state attended in person and virtually, the Municipal Leadership Summit, a joint conference of the Pennsylvania Municipal League and Pennsylvania State Association of Township Commissioners, October 7-9, to connect and network with colleagues, attend informative and educational sessions, discuss issues facing the Commonwealth's municipalities, share resources and best practices, establish legislative policy, and elect association officers for the coming year. Join the conversation at twitter.com/PAMunicipalLeag and facebook.com/PaMunicipalLeague – #MunicipalLeadershipSummit21.

The Pennsylvania State Association of Township Commissioners represents Pennsylvania's first class townships and their elected governing officials before the Pennsylvania General Assembly and the Commonwealth's various agencies. PSATC was founded in 1925 to distinguish itself from the second class townships which are much larger in number. First class townships are generally regarded as the "urban ring" around Pennsylvania's cities. Many of our first class townships face issues similar to those of our Commonwealth's cities and urban boroughs, thereby making the association's affiliation with the Pennsylvania Municipal League a natural fit. The League has been providing advocacy services to the PSATC since 1983. For more information, please visit PML.org/psatc.

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