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### THE COSANTI FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS ANNOUNCES LEADERSHIP TRANSITION

Special Statement from Matteo Di Michele, Chair of the Board of Directors

Mayer, AZ – The Cosanti Foundation today announces that after two and a half years at the helm, Patrick McWhortor has decided to pursue other endeavors and will be stepping down as President and CEO of The Cosanti Foundation at the conclusion of his current contract on March 31, 2021.

During his tenure, Patrick has been the driving force behind The Cosanti Foundation's transition toward a renewed sense of purpose and unity, opening the door to fresh possibilities as we cross the threshold between our first fifty years and our next fifty years. Among the many things Patrick has accomplished in his time with us, he has:

- Transformed the leadership of The Cosanti Foundation, including building a dedicated and professional Board of Directors
- Engaged a diverse cohort of board, staff, and Arcosanti residents in the reformulation of our mission and vision for the 21st century
- Forged a new partnership with the internationally renowned School of Architecture, founded by Frank Lloyd Wright in 1937 and now residing at Arcosanti
- Grown the revenues of Cosanti Originals, ensuring a bright future for the world-famous ceramic and bronze windbell business that has helped to fund projects at Cosanti and Arcosanti for more than fifty years
- Introduced significant improvements to our overall organizational structure as well as our operating standards and procedures
- Expanded philanthropic support for The Cosanti Foundation with the launch of our first-ever membership program and new foundation relationships.
- Stewarded The Cosanti Foundation through the immense challenges of successfully running and funding a nonprofit organization and tourist destination during COVID.

Patrick's leadership has been essential in seeing The Cosanti Foundation through this time of unprecedented change, and his efforts will continue to influence our growth and progress for years to come. The public is encouraged to join us in thanking Patrick for his dedication to The Cosanti Foundation, and in wishing him all the best in his future endeavors.

In the coming months, The Cosanti Foundation's Board of Directors will be conducting an international search to find its next executive. It is the organization's priority to find a dynamic leader with a true passion for The Cosanti Foundation's unique and urgent mission: "To inspire a reimagined urbanism that builds resilient and equitable communities sustainably integrated with the natural world." The job announcement will be shared publicly as soon as it is available.

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