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### **Virginia REALTORS® Elects Jay Mitchell as 2018 President**

*REALTOR® leader to helm organization of more than 33,000 members*

Richmond, Va. (October 9, 2017) – Jay Mitchell, Managing Broker with Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Towne Realty of Virginia Beach, has been elected to serve as the 2018 President of the Virginia REALTORS®.

Mitchell will succeed Claire Forcier-Rowe as the elected leader of the Virginia REALTORS®, the largest trade association in the state of Virginia with more than 33,000 members. He will assume his new post in November 2017.

Since beginning his real estate career in 2004, Jay has been very active with the REALTOR® community. He led the National Association of REALTORS® Federal Political Coordinator (FPC) team for U.S. Senator Tim Kaine in 2016, and he served as the Virginia REALTORS® FPC for former congressman Glenn Nye. In addition, Jay is on the FPC team for Congressman Bobby Scott. He holds ten real estate designations, including the Graduate, REALTOR® Institute (GRI) and the Certified Residential Specialist (CRS) designation, the highest credential awarded to residential sales agents, managers, and brokers.

Mitchell has chaired the Virginia REALTORS® Strategic Planning Committee, Public Policy Committee, and Legislative Bill Review Committee. He is a former chair of the RPAC Trustees, and he has served on the Virginia REALTORS® Board of Directors since 2013.

In 2016, Mitchell was selected as Broker/Manager of the Year by the Hampton Roads REALTORS® Association, and he is currently a licensed real estate broker in Virginia, North Carolina, and Nebraska.

Mitchell's professional accomplishments span far beyond the real estate industry. He led a successful 24-year career in broadcast news, beginning at the fledgling CNN and eventually working for every major network. Mitchell was honored with a number of awards along the way, including the coveted Edward R. Murrow Award and Emmy Awards.

Terrie Suit, CEO of the Virginia REALTORS®, commented, "On behalf of our organization, I congratulate Jay on his election to the presidency of Virginia REALTORS® and offer sincere thanks to Claire Forcier-Rowe for an exceptional year of leadership in 2017. Thanks to their outstanding service, Virginia

REALTORS® has continued to advance the interests of homeownership and property rights and the professional practices of REALTORS® across the Commonwealth.”

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### **About the Virginia REALTORS®**

The Virginia REALTORS® association (previously known as the Virginia Association of REALTORS®) is the largest professional trade association in the Virginia, representing over 33,000 REALTORS® engaged in the residential and commercial real estate business. The Virginia REALTORS® association serves as an advocate for homeownership and homeowners, and represents the interests of property owners in the Commonwealth of Virginia. For more information, visit [www.virginiarealtors.org](http://www.virginiarealtors.org) or follow Virginia REALTORS® on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [LinkedIn](#).

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