

U.S. Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors' Executive Committee Appoints Suzanne Clark Next President and CEO

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce today announced Suzanne Clark will become the next president and chief executive officer, succeeding Tom Donohue effective March 11, 2021, the date of the organization's next Board of Directors meeting. U.S. Chamber Board Chair Christopher Lofgren made the announcement today to the Board and in a letter to the organization's members and employees across the country.

More from Board Chair Chris Lofgren: "Suzanne Clark's extensive experience through ever increasing responsibilities during her more than 16 years at the Chamber, combined with her ambitious vision and ongoing work to strengthen the U.S. Chamber of Commerce make her the resounding choice to lead the organization into the future."

A familiar leader at the helm: Clark was named president of the U.S. Chamber in June 2019. In that role, she has led a multi-year effort to strengthen the organization's well-known influence, advocacy, and impact, while modernizing its work and attracting new members. She also played a key role in strengthening relationships with state and local chamber of commerce organizations to broaden the reach and vision of free enterprise across the country.

A message from Clark: "I am honored to lead the U.S. Chamber at a time when our members need us most. American businesses are dealing with the uncertainty of the pandemic, the challenges of a recession and uneven recovery, stark shifts in government leadership and policy, and near-constant disruptions being driven by rapid technological advancement. Along with those challenges come tremendous opportunities for businesses to serve people and communities in new ways, to create a stronger and more competitive economy, and to innovate for the future."

Donohue: Leading the Chamber an 'Honor of a lifetime': Clark will succeed Tom Donohue, an iconic leader credited with building the Chamber into the most influential business association in the world. At the helm of the institution for 24 years, Donohue expanded its lobbying firepower and turned the organization into a global force. He will continue to serve the Chamber in an advisory capacity.

Learn more: See the Chamber [release](#) announcing the transition.