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CML EXECUTIVE BOARD NAMES NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR EFFECTIVE APRIL 1

January 25, 2019, Denver, CO – CML Executive Director Sam Mamet recently announced his retirement effective March 29. The League's Deputy Director, Kevin Bommer, was unanimously appointed by the CML Executive Board as the new Executive Director effective April 1.

"Sam has been a tenacious advocate for Colorado municipalities over the last four decades – for 26 years leading CML advocacy in the state capitol and the last 14 leading CML as an innovative executive director," said Colorado Municipal League President Wade Troxell, Fort Collins mayor. "Sam has forged strong partnerships around the state and the nation to the benefit of municipalities and municipal leaders. All of Colorado municipalities wish Sam and his wife, Judith, our very best."

At a meeting today, the CML Executive Board unanimously appointed current Deputy Director Kevin Bommer as the next Executive Director. "We are thrilled to appoint Kevin to succeed Sam," said CML Vice President Liz Hensley, Alamosa mayor pro tem. "Kevin loves CML and its members. He has been a force in the statehouse, just like Sam before him, and has a vision for the future of CML. He is highly respected among his peers, the staff, and this Board."

"I am so pleased that Kevin will succeed me," said Mamet. "He will be a great leader for CML, and our members have great respect for him. The future is in good hands."

Mamet closes his career in his 40th year with CML. He joined the League in 1979, starting as intergovernmental affairs coordinator. He previously worked for Clark County, Nevada, in a similar role, and he also worked on the staff of the Pennsylvania Legislature and the Citizens League of Cleveland, Ohio. He received his undergraduate degree from Albright College in Reading, PA, and his MPA from the University of Colorado. Mamet received numerous honors and awards over his career and spent time as an adjunct professor of political science at the University of Colorado-Denver. His wife, Judith – a noted artist and art educator – taught fine arts at Englewood High School for over 25 years and retired in 2005. They have two sons, Elliot and Abe, who are both out making their respective marks on the world.

Bommer has been with CML since October 1999 and Deputy Director since 2012. He has been a lobbyist for municipal interests nearly all of that time and led the CML advocacy team in the Colorado Statehouse for nearly 10 years. Bommer was born and raised in Jackson Hole, Wyoming and graduated from the University of Wyoming. He holds a bachelor's degree (BS) in political science and a master's degree (MPA) in public administration from UW. While attending UW, Kevin interned in Washington, DC for U.S. Senator Alan K. Simpson and subsequently staffed his Laramie, Wyoming field office. They remain close friends. Prior to joining CML, Kevin was the Local Government Coordinator for Envision Utah, a public-private partnership for responsible growth management, from 1996-1999 and was responsible for the involvement of 76 municipalities and 10 counties. Kevin's wife, Gabriella, is a member of the municipal family. She is the deputy director of human resources for the City of Arvada. Kevin's step-daughter (Gabriella's daughter), Christy Vetsch, is a senior at Colorado State University.

The executive director is responsible to CML's 21-member Executive Board for executing League policies and programs. The director is also the principle liaison to the National League of Cities. CML and its staff of 14 are based in Denver. CML is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization established in 1923 and represents the interests of 270 cities and towns. CML's Vision is "Empowered Cities and Towns, United for a Strong Colorado." For more information on the Colorado Municipal League, please visit www.cml.org or call (303) 831-6411.

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