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Thornton Mayor Pro Tem elected CML president

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DENVER, COLO. – Thursday, July 6, 2023 – The Colorado Municipal League (CML) announced the election of Thornton Mayor Pro Tem Jessica Sandgren as its president for 2023-2024. Sandgren was elected as president by her peers on the CML Executive Board immediately following the election of 11 new board members at the League's Annual Business Meeting.

Sandgren, a lifelong Coloradoan, resides in Thornton with her husband and two daughters. With over a decade of experience teaching students in grades K-12, she has been recognized for her exceptional work in securing Science and STEM grants for her students. Sandgren is known for her unwavering commitment as a community advocate, actively involved in addressing critical issues such as combatting opioid addiction, reintegration programs for those coming out of jail, homelessness, and ensuring essential healthcare services are accessible to children. Her efforts extend to fostering robust partnerships within the community, promoting investments that enhance housing affordability and bring about positive transformations in neighborhoods. Demonstrating her dedication to community welfare, Sandgren serves on several non-profit boards, including Kids First Health Care, Maiker Housing Authority, and the Northglenn-Thornton Rotary Club. Furthermore, both she and her husband actively participate as members of the Thornton Citizens Police Academy Alumni.

"Jessica's profound dedication to the community, extensive experience in education, and advocacy for critical social issues make her an exceptional leader," said Kevin Bommer, executive director of CML. "She will lead a very diverse and outstanding CML executive board over the next 12 months, and we know she will continue to support and empower municipalities across Colorado."

Joining Sandgren in leadership roles on the CML Executive Board are Wynetta Massey, city attorney for Colorado Springs, who has been elected as vice president, and Seth Hoffman, city manager of Lone Tree, who assumes the position of secretary/treasurer. Dale Hall, Greeley councilmember, will serve as the immediate past president.

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The CML Executive Board is comprised of 21 elected officials and key municipal staff members who are elected by the membership at the annual business meeting. The executive board is responsible for developing, articulating, promoting, and supporting CML's vision, mission, goals and strategic plan, as well as framing and focusing policy discussions and establishing League positions consistent with CML's Annual Policy Statement.

The entire board with photos and backgrounds can be viewed at cml.org/utility-pages/about-cml/Executive-Board.

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