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Senate approves Robin McArthur's appointment to Oregon's Land Conservation and Development Commission

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Salem, OR – The Oregon Senate approved Governor Kitzhaber's appointment of Robin McArthur to represent the Willamette Valley on the Land Conservation and Development Commission (LCDC).

McArthur will replace Marilyn Worrix, who served on the commission since February 1, 2004, including the last three years as commission chair. McArthur's four year term begins June 1, 2014, and she will join the commission's July 24-25, 2014, meeting in Ontario.

The LCDC consists of seven members, representative of certain regions of the state along with a current or former elected official of a city and a county. LCDC adopts state land-use goals, assures local plan compliance with the goals, coordinates state and local planning, and manages the coastal zone program. The commissioners are unpaid citizen volunteers appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate. Commissioner appointments are four-year terms and may not serve for more than two full terms.

McArthur has a long history with Oregon's land use planning program, beginning with her Master's thesis as a graduate student at the George Washington University in Washington, D.C. After moving to Oregon in 1982, McArthur worked for the City of Portland, seeking different positions in the housing, land use, and transportation departments to build a base of knowledge on how cities grow and development.

Later, McArthur held planning positions at the Oregon Department of Transportation, and served as Governor Kitzhaber's community development advisor in his first two terms. Before stepping down last June, McArthur served as the Planning and Development Director for Metro for eight years, guiding the Portland metropolitan region through an urban growth boundary expansions as well as the first designation of urban and rural reserves for the tri-county area.

"I believe in the future of Oregon," says McArthur. "We have rich natural resources, incredibly diverse landscapes, vibrant communities, and a growing economy. I've travelled and lived many places but I always return." Explaining her interest in serving on the commission, McArthur says "I am particularly interested in promoting ways to integrate the activities of the Department of Land Conservation and Development with other state and local entities to help solve community development problems on the

ground. Communities need resources to address the types of complex problems they face. I believe that all levels of government should work together to provide communities with a variety of tools to address local issues, and I have sought to do that throughout my career. Serving on the commission is a continuation of that effort.”

DLCD’s Director, Jim Rue said, “McArthur’s experience in land use, transportation, and community development issues are a huge asset to the state and the commission. McArthur’s long career at the local, regional, and state level, grappling with these issues both on the ground and at a policy level, makes her a perfect fit.”

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