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## **National Association of Regional Councils Elects 2019-2020 Leadership**

**Washington, DC (June 14, 2019):** The National Association of Regional Councils (NARC) recently celebrated its 53rd Annual Conference and Exhibition in Omaha, Nebraska and elected leaders for 2019-2020. For over 50 years, NARC has served as a national voice for a regional approach to meeting local challenges. NARC members work collaboratively in their communities – large and small, urban and rural – to address the needs of their citizens and promote a regional approach to planning for the future.

Marge Vogt, Councilmember for the City of Olathe, Kansas, was elected to serve as president of the Association. Since 2006, Ms. Vogt has held a variety of positions at NARC, including president-elect, senior vice president, and region XI board representative. Ms. Vogt is currently serving her eighth term on the Olathe, Kansas, City Council. She was appointed to the NARC Board of Directors in 2006, and served two years as board chair in 2013-2014. She also co-chaired the region's Total Transportation Policy Committee from 2003-2012. Ms. Vogt also serves as the Olathe Council representative on the Olathe Transportation Committee, as the Chairman of the Olathe Comprehensive Plan Committee, as a board member for the Mahaffie Stagecoach Stop & Farm Foundation and as a member of the Johnson County Transportation Coordination Council. From 1996 to 1998, she served on the State Board of Nurse Examiners and Committee for Advanced Nurse Practice.

Bob Cannon, Supervisor of Clinton Township, Michigan was elected to serve as president-elect. Mr. Cannon is currently in his fifth term as township supervisor. Prior to being elected supervisor in 2000, he served as a township trustee for 16 years.

Joy Fuchs, Commissioner of Washington County, Texas was elected to serve as senior vice president. Ms. Fuchs is currently in her fifth term as county commissioner. Prior to serving as commissioner, Ms. Fuchs was a member of the Burton ISD School Board for 12 years, where she served as the first woman on the board.

NARC would like to thank Immediate Past President Geof Benson, Council Member for the Town of Beverly Shores, Indiana for his service to the Association.

Board members representing NARC districts and at-large seats were also elected. NARC welcomes returning and newly elected board members:

President Marge Vogt, Councilmember for the City of Olathe, Kansas; President-elect Bob Cannon, Supervisor of Clinton Township, Michigan; Senior Vice President Joy Fuchs, Commissioner of Washington County, Texas; Vice President Kathleen Lomako, Southeast Michigan Council of Governments; Immediate Past President Geof Benson, Council Member, Town of Beverly Shores, Indiana; Region III Director, Christian Dorsey, Board Member, Arlington County, Virginia; Region IV Director, Jennifer Robinson, Council Member, Town of Cary, North Carolina; Region V Director, Bryan Caletka, Councilmember, Davie, FL; Region VI Director, Justin Kiel, Council President, Town of La Crosse, Indiana; Region VII Director, Greg Terry, Judge/Executive, Carlisle, Kentucky; Region VIII Director, Karen Keith, Commissioner, Tulsa County, Oklahoma; Region IX Director, Chris Barnett, Supervisor, Orion Township, Michigan; Region X Director, Chris Schuchart, Judge, Medina County, Texas; Region XI Director, Carol Vinton, Supervisor, Mills County, Iowa; Region XII Director, Garret Nancolas, Mayor, Caldwell, Idaho; Region XIII Director, Bob Stevenson, Commissioner, Davis County, Utah; Region XIV Director Fred Strong, Councilmember, Paso Robles, California; Region XV Director Brad Hill, Councilmember, City of Yakima, Washington; At-Large Director, Alan Wapner, Council Member, City of Ontario, California; At-Large Director Julie Pierce, Council Member, Clayton, CA; At-Large Director, Lee Constantine, Commissioner, Seminole County, Florida; At-Large Director, Bill Zoslocki, Council Member, City of Modesto, California; National Association of Counties Appointee James D. Healy, Board Member, DuPage County, IL; and Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations Appointee DeLania Hardy, AMPO Executive Director.

In addition to its governing board of directors, NARC has an advisory Executive Directors Council comprised of executive directors from regional planning organizations across the country.

Southeast Michigan Council of Governments Executive Director Kathleen Lomako succeeds Wasatch Front Regional Council Executive Director Andrew Gruber as chairman of the Executive Directors Council and vice president of NARC.

NARC welcomes returning and newly elected Executive Directors Council members:

Chair Kathleen Lomako, Southeast Michigan Council of Governments; First Vice Chair Doug Hooker, Atlanta Regional Commission; Second Vice Chair Rosa De León Park, Stanislaus Council of Governments; Immediate Past Chair Andrew Gruber, Wasatch Front Regional Council; Region I Representative Tim Brennan, Pioneer Valley Planning Commission; Region I Representative Lyle Wray, Capitol Region Council of Governments; Region II Representative Jim Hassinger, Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission; Region II Representative Barry Seymour, Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission; Region III Representative Chuck Bean, Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments; Region IV Representative Anthony Starr, Western Piedmont Council of Governments; Region V Representative Gary Huttman, MetroPlan Orlando; Region V Representative Gregory Stuart, Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization; Region VI Representative Mark Policinski, Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments; Region VI Representative Ty Warner, Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission; Region VII Representative Sherry McDavid, FIVCO Area Development District; Region VII Representative Jennifer Beck Walker, Purchase Area Development District; Region VIII Representative Rich Brierre, Indian Nations Council of Governments; Region VIII Representative Tab Townsell, Metroplan; Region IX Representative Jim Kinnick, Eastgate Regional Council of Governments; Region IX Representative Grace Gallucci, Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency; Region X Representative Jim Reed, Central Texas Council of Governments; Region X Representative Tom Wilkinson, Jr., Brazos Valley Council of Governments; Region XI Representative Todd Ashby, Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization; Region XI Representative David Warm, Mid-America Regional Council; Region XII Representative Greg Youell, Metropolitan Area Planning Agency; Region XII Representative Matt Stoll, Community Planning Association; Region XIII Representative Miriam Gillow-Wiles, Southwest Colorado Council of Governments; Representative Douglas Rex, Denver Regional Council of Governments; Region XIV Representative Hasan Ikhata, Southern California Association of Governments; Representative Pete Rodgers, San Luis Obispo Council of Governments; Region XV Representative Fred Abousleman, Oregon Cascades West Council of Governments; Region XV Representative Bill Fashing, Cowlitz-Wahkiakum Council of Governments;

At-Large Representative David Cleveland, East Texas Council of Governments; At-Large Representative Sallie Fahey, Tippecanoe County Area Plan Commission; At-Large Representative Brian Martin, Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission; At-Large Representative Diane Rath, Alamo Area Council of Governments; At-Large Representative Jiten Shah, Green river Area Development District, At-Large Representative Betty Voights, Capital Area Council of Governments, At-Large Representative Chuck Wemple, Houston-Galveston Area Council, At-Large Representative Tim Brown, Toledo Metropolitan Area Council of Governments, At-Large Representative William Murdock, Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission, and At-Large Representative James Turnwald, Michiana Area Council of Governments.