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National Association of Regional Councils Elects 2017-2018 Leadership

Washington, DC (June 19, 2017): The National Association of Regional Councils (NARC) recently celebrated its 51st Annual Conference and Exhibition in Monterey, California and elected leaders for 2017-2018. 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.

Bob Dallari, Commissioner of Seminole County, Florida, was elected to serve as president of the Association. Since 2010, Dallari has held a variety of positions at NARC, including president-elect, senior vice president, and region V board representative. At home, Commissioner Dallari serves as chairman for both the MetroPlan Orlando Board of Directors and the Central Florida Commuter Rail Commission Governing Board while also participating on the boards for Habitat for Humanity, Kids House of Seminole County, Seminole County Industrial Development Authority, and Seminole County Arts Council. He dedicates much of his time to working on policy and planning initiatives that support transportation, greenways and trails, sustainable growth, preservation of natural lands and wilderness areas, water conservation, and safety.

President Dallari expressed his deepest thanks for all the support he received from NARC and its members, stating “I’m honored to serve as NARC’s President. I am very grateful to my predecessor, Ron Shaffer, for his good work this past year. In the year ahead I will be working closely with President-elect Geof Benson and Senior Vice President Marge Vogt to further strengthen the organization in ways that benefit all members. We’re fortunate to have a very talented staff and a strong Executive Directors Council to support this effort. From the work we do each day in our hometown communities, we know what can happen when good people come together to get the job done. The same is true with a national membership organization like NARC. NARC is our forum for coming together to mobilize and learn how to benefit the regions we serve across the country.”

NARC congratulates President-elect Geof Benson, Commissioner of Beverly Shores, Indiana and Senior Vice President Marge Vogt, Councilmember from Olathe, Kansas for their successful elections to board leadership. NARC also thanks Immediate Past President Ron Shaffer, Commissioner of Johnson County, Kansas for his service to the Association. Board members representing NARC districts and at-large seats were also elected.

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. Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission Executive Director William Murdock succeeds Green River Area Development District Executive Director Jiten Shah as chairman of the Executive Directors Council and vice president of NARC.

NARC welcomes returning and newly elected board members:

President Bob Dallari, Commissioner, Seminole County, FL; President-elect Geof Benson, Commissioner, Beverly Shores, IN; Sr. Vice President Marge Vogt, Councilmember, Olathe, KS; Vice President William Murdock, Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission; Immediate Past President Ron Shaffer, Commissioner, Johnson County, KS; Region I Director Steve Cassano, State Senator, CT; Region II Director Matthew Holt, Freeholder, Hunterdon County, NJ; Region III Director Kenyan McDuffie, Councilmember, District of Columbia; Region IV Director Jennifer Robinson, Council Member, Town of Cary, NC; Region V Director, Bryan Caletka, Councilmember, Davie, FL; Region VI Director, Blair Milo, Mayor, La Porte, IN; Region VII Director Greg Terry, Judge/Executive, Carlisle, KY; Region VIII Director John Smaligo, Commissioner, Tulsa County, OK; Region IX Director Robert Cannon, Supervisor, Clinton Township, MI; Region X Director Wes Suiter, Judge, Angelina County, TX; Region XI Director Carol Vinton, Supervisor, Mills County, IA; Region XII Director Rita Sanders, Mayor, Bellevue, NE; Region XIII Director P. Bret Milburn, Commissioner, Davis County, UT; Region XIV Director Fred Strong,

Councilmember, Paso Robles, CA; Region XV Director Jim Restucci, Mayor, Sunnyside, WA; At-Large Director Joy Fuchs, Commissioner, Washington County, TX; At-Large Director Garret Nancolas, Mayor, Caldwell, ID; At-Large Director Julie Pierce, Council Member, Clayton, CA; At-Large Director Daniel Troy, Commissioner, Lake County, OH; National League of Cities Appointee Pam O'Connor, Councilmember, Santa Monica, CA; 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.

NARC welcomes returning and newly elected Executive Directors Council members:

Chair William Murdock, Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission; First Vice Chair Andrew Gruber, Wasatch Front Regional Council; Second Vice Chair Mary K. Murphy, North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority; Immediate Past Chair Jiten Shah, Green River Area Development District; 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 V Representative Doug Hooker, Atlanta Regional Commission; 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 John Johnson, Association of Central Oklahoma Governments; Region IX Representative Jim Kinnick, Eastgate Regional Council of Governments; Region IX Representative Kathleen Lomako, Southeast Michigan Council of Governments; 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; Region XIV Representative Gary Gallegos, San Diego Association of Governments; Region XIV Representative Hasan Ikhrata, Southern California Association 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 Harold Barley, MetroPlan Orlando; At-Large Representative David Cleveland, East Texas Council of Governments; At-Large Representative Ron De Carli, San Luis Obispo Council of Governments; At-Large Representative Rosa De Leon Park, Stanislaus Council of Governments; At-Large Representative Sallie Fahey, Tippecanoe County Area Plan Commission; At-Large Representative Grace Gallucci, Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency; At-Large Representative Brian Martin, Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission; At-Large Representative Sue Pigg, Tri-County Regional Planning Commission; At-Large Representative Diane Rath, Alamo Area Council of Governments; and At-Large Representative James Turnwald, Michiana Area Council of Governments.

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