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**The National Association of Regional Councils  
Elects 2023-2024 Leadership**

**Washington, DC (June 7, 2023):** The National Association of Regional Councils (NARC) recently celebrated its 57th Annual Conference and Exhibition in Detroit, Michigan and elected leaders for 2023-2024.

Jennifer Robinson, Council Member for the Town of Cary, North Carolina was elected to serve as the next president of NARC. Robinson was first appointed to the Cary Town Council in 1999 and during her time as council member has held several leadership positions with the Triangle J Council of Governments (TJCOG), including serving as chair from 2015-2016.

*"As the newly elected board president, I am humbled and grateful for the trust and confidence placed in me by my colleagues," said President Robinson. "I am committed to serving our organization with integrity, transparency, and a steadfast dedication to our mission. Together, let us work hand in hand, respecting diverse perspectives, and making thoughtful decisions that will shape a prosperous future for our organization and those we serve."*

Since 2015, Ms. Robinson has held a variety of positions at NARC, including president-elect, senior vice president, region IV board representative, and co-chair of NARC's economic and community development policy committee. Ms. Robinson is currently serving her seventh term on the Town of Cary, North Carolina, Council. She was appointed to the Triangle J Council of Governments Board of Directors in 2008 and served one year as board chair in 2015-2016. Ms. Robinson is actively involved in the community through her leadership in the North Carolina League of Municipalities, the GoTriangle (Triangle Transit Authority), and the Northwest Cary YMCA. She has been employed by SAS as its Director of Local Government Solutions for the last seven years. In this role, she has helped cities across the country use analytics to be more effective and efficient in meeting the needs of their citizens. She recently accepted a new role overseeing Global Government Strategy and Engagement for SAS.

Carol Vinton, supervisor for Mills County, Iowa was elected to serve as president-elect. Mrs. Vinton is currently in her second term as county supervisor. Prior to being elected supervisor in 2016, she served as a township trustee for sixteen years. Mrs. Vinton has also served as secretary of the Mills County Republican Central Committee, a Mills County Fair Board member, and has worked on Silver City American Legion fundraising meals.

Justin Kiel, county council member of LaPorte County, Indiana was elected to serve as senior vice president. Mr. Kiel is currently in his first term as county council member. Prior to serving as county council member, Mr. Kiel was a member of the LaCrosse Town Council, where he served as council member for 2 years and council president for 6 years.

NARC extends its thanks to Immediate Past President Joy Fuchs, Past Commissioner of Washington County, Texas for her 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 Jennifer Robinson, Council Member for the Town of Cary, North Carolina; President-Elect Carol Vinton, Supervisor for Mills County, Iowa; Senior Vice President Justin Kiel, County Council Member for LaPorte County, Indiana; Vice President Ty Warner, Executive Director for the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission, Indiana; Immediate Past President Joy Fuchs from Washington County, Texas; Region II Director, Phillips Armstrong, County Executive, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania; Region III Director, Christian Dorsey, Board Member for Arlington County, Virginia; Region IV Director Joseph V. Chiarelli, Chairman for Winnebago County, Illinois; Region V Director Lee Constantine, Commissioner for Seminole County, Florida; Region VIII Director, Karen Keith, Commissioner for Tulsa County, Oklahoma; Region IX Director, Chris Barnett, Supervisor for Orion Township, Michigan; Region X Director Mary M. Dennis, Mayor for the City of Live Oak, Texas; Region XII Director Trevor Chadwick, Mayor for Star, Idaho; Region XIII Director, Bob Stevenson, Commissioner for Davis County, Utah; Region XIV Director Alan Wapner, Council Member for the City of Ontario, California; At-Large Director Rosa Escutia-Braaton, Councilmember for the City of Modesto, California; At-Large Director, Joe Fauth, III County Judge for Grimes County, Texas; At-Large Director, Richard "Ike" Stage, Mayor for Grove City, Ohio; At-Large Director, Nancy Young, Mayor for the City of Tracy, California; National League of Cities Appointee Fred Strong Councilmember for the City of Paso Robles, California; and National Association of Counties Appointee Gary Moore, Judge/Executive for Boone County, Kentucky.

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.

Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission Executive Director Ty Warner succeeds Stanislaus Council of Governments Executive Director Rosa De León Park as chairman of the Executive Directors Council and vice president of NARC.

NARC welcomes returning and newly elected Executive Directors Council members:

Chair Ty Warner, Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission; First Vice Chair Chuck Wemple, Houston-Galveston Area Council; Second Vice Chair Brian Martin, Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission; Immediate Past Chair Rosa De León Park, Stanislaus Council of Governments; Executive Committee Officer Grace Gallucci, Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency; Executive Committee Officer Aileen Bouclé, Miami-Dade Transportation Planning Organization; Region I Representative Kristina Egan, Greater Portland Council of Governments; Region I Representative Rick Dunne, Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments; Region II Representative Becky Bradley, Lehigh Valley Planning Commission; Region II Representative David Behrend, North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority; Region III Representative Clark Mercer, Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments; Region IV Representative Geraldine Gardner, Centralina Regional Council; 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 Michael Dunn, Region 1 Planning Council; Region VI Representative James Turnwald, Michiana Area Council of Governments; Region VII Representative Kelly Ward, FIVCO Area Development District; Region VII Representative Mark Policinski, Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments; Region VIII Representative Rich Brierre, Indian Nations Council of Governments; Region IX Representative Grace Gallucci, Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency; Region IX Representative Jim Kinnick, Eastgate Regional Council of Governments; Region X Representative Russell Devorsky, Heart of Texas Council of Governments; Region X Representative Jim Reed, Central Texas 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 Matt Stoll, Community Planning Association; Region XII Representative Michael Helgerson, Executive Director Metropolitan Area Planning Agency; Region XIII Representative Andrew Gunning, Pikes Peak Council of Governments; Region XIII Representative Douglas Rex, Denver Regional Council of Governments; Region XIV Representative Hasan Ikhrata, San Diego Association of Governments; Representative Pete Rodgers, San Luis Obispo Council of Governments; Region XV Representative Josh Brown, Puget Sound Regional Council; Region XV Representative Bill Fashing, Cowlitz-Wahkiakum Council of

Governments;

At-Large Representative Aileen Bouclé, Miami-Dade Transportation Planning Organization; At-Large Representative David Cleveland, East Texas Council of Governments; At-Large Representative Andrew Gruber, Wasatch Front Regional Council; At-Large Representative William Murdock, Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission; At-Large Representative Amy O’Leary, Southeast Michigan Council of Governments; At-Large Representative Michael Parks, Brazos Valley Council of Governments; At-Large Representative Diane Rath, Alamo Area Council of Governments; At-Large Representative Betty Voights, Capital Area Council of Governments; At-Large Representative Ryan Vogt, Oregon-Cascades West Council of Governments, and At-Large Representative Anna Roach, Atlanta Regional Commission.

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