LOCAL OFFICIALS SELECTED TO LEAD LEAGUE OF ARIZONA CITIES AND TOWNS

PHOENIX - Members of the League of Arizona Cities and Towns selected new officers and members of its governing board at the organization's annual conference last week in Phoenix.

Mark Mitchell, mayor of Tempe, was elected to a two-year term as president of the League.

“This is a proud day for me,” said Mayor Mitchell in accepting his new position. Mayor Mitchell talked about his history with the League and cited the example of his father, Former Tempe Mayor and League President Harry Mitchell, as being “an inspiration.” Mayor Mitchell said that as a boy it was normal for him to attend League events with his father.

Mayor Mitchell told the delegates that, as president, he expected “to carry forward the tradition of strong advocacy” for the League, stating that the League is at its best when cities and towns stand together as a centralized voice. He also stated that he wanted to proactively work to educate the public about issues important to the League and called upon fellow city and town representatives to engage their residents and neighbors in order to do so.

Others elected to two-year terms as League officers include Chandler Mayor Jay Tibshraeny, Vice President; and Lake Havasu City Mayor Mark Nexsen, Treasurer.

In addition to the three officers, the League is governed by an Executive Committee made up of mayors and council members from incorporated cities and towns across the state.

New members elected to the Executive Committee at the League Conference include:

Alex Finter, Mayor, Mesa
Linda Kavanagh, Mayor, Fountain Hills
Jerry Nabours, Mayor, Flagstaff
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Douglas Nicholls, Mayor, Yuma
Christian Price, Mayor, Maricopa
Daryl Seymore, Mayor, Show Low

Current members re-elected to two-year terms on the Executive Committee include:
Jim Lane, Mayor, Scottsdale
John Lewis, Mayor, Gilbert
Jonathan Rothschild, Mayor, Tucson
Doug Von Gausig, Mayor, Clarkdale
Jerry Weiers, Mayor, Glendale
Sharon Wolcott, Mayor, Surprise

Those with one year remaining on their Executive Committee term include:
Bob Barrett, Mayor, Peoria
Kenny Evans, Mayor, Payson
Ed Honea, Mayor, Marana
Gilbert Lopez, Vice Mayor, Coolidge
Lana Mook, Mayor, El Mirage
Rick Mueller, Mayor, Sierra Vista
Bob Rivera, Mayor, Thatcher
Thomas L. Schoaf, Mayor, Litchfield Park
Harvey Skoog, Mayor, Prescott Valley
Greg Stanton, Mayor, Phoenix

The 25-member Executive Committee is the governing body of the League of Arizona Cities and Towns and sets policy relating to legislative and organizational matters.

About the League:
The League of Arizona Cities and Towns is a voluntary association of all the 91 incorporated cities and towns in the State of Arizona. It provides policy and legislative advocacy, information and inquiry services, along with publications and educational programs to strengthen the quality and efficiency of municipal government. It was founded in 1937 to serve the interests of cities and towns and to preserve the principles of home rule and local determination.

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