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Siletz City Recorder Barbara Chestler Receives the LOC's Herman Kehrli Award

EUGENE, Ore. – The prestigious Herman Kehrli Award was presented Friday evening to Siletz City Recorder Barbara Chestler during the League of Oregon Cities' 98th Annual Conference, held at the Graduate in Eugene. The award is given to a city employee who has made exceptional contributions to city government in Oregon, producing lasting benefits for their community. This year, the Kehrli Award was presented to co-recipients, with recently retired Forest Grove Police Chief Henry Reimann and Woodburn City Administrator Scott Derickson also recognized.

Chestler has been an agent of significant change during her time in Siletz, starting with her relentless effort to reorganize the city's finances and create an understandable and high-functioning budget. On her watch, city workforce positions and compensation have been restructured with a top-down approach and a clear reporting platform, making Siletz a more competitive employer.

Chestler has also leveraged her many years of service in communities across the U.S. to access affordable resources for the city of Siletz. On weekends, she has regularly volunteered personal hours at City Hall in the name of doing the job right. Because of these efforts, the city's finances are in order, projects are organized and ready to move forward, and city employees come to work with a smile. Chestler has helped transform Siletz with a "community matters" approach. From crafty fiscal stewardship to efficient restructuring and professionalization efforts, she has provided exemplary, and unparalleled service.

About the Herman Kehrli Award

From 1933 to 1966, Herman Kehrli served as executive secretary of the League of Oregon Cities and director of the University of Oregon's former Bureau of Governmental Research and Service. A joint effort between the LOC and the Bureau established standards of excellence for local government officials through an agenda that included research, consultation, and training in city government affairs. Today, the quality of city government statewide is due in large part to the success of this joint effort.

About the League of Oregon Cities

Founded in 1925, the LOC is a voluntary association representing all 241 of Oregon's incorporated cities. The League helps city governments serve their citizens by providing legislative services, policy setting, intergovernmental relations, conferences and training, technical assistance, and publications.

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