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Woodburn City Administrator Scott Derickson Receives the LOC's Herman Kehrli Award

EUGENE, Ore. – The prestigious Herman Kehrli Award was presented Friday evening to Woodburn City Administrator Scott Derickson 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 Siletz City Recorder Barbara Chestler and retired Forest Grove Police Chief Henry Reimann also recognized.

Over a 27-year career in local government, Derickson has exemplified the highest levels of professional and personal ethics. He's helped guide Woodburn through times of crisis, and repeatedly proven himself as a team-oriented leader, excelling at organizational development, budgeting, finance, labor relations, and economic development. In one of Oregon's most ethnically diverse communities, Derickson has helped strengthen Woodburn's diversity, equity, and inclusiveness. Under his leadership, the city has built trust throughout the community, especially with those who face cultural and/or language barriers that limit access to public services. Derickson has also fostered a remarkable level of collegiality within Woodburn's seven-member City Council. In a profession fraught with political turmoil and high turnover, his longevity in Woodburn is a testament to these capabilities. Derickson is an ICMA Credentialed Manager, and a graduate of the Gettysburg Leadership Program and Colonial Williamsburg Leadership Institute. He is also a past member of the LOC Board of Directors, and currently serves as president of the Oregon City/County Management Association.

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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