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James C. Richards Award Goes to Keizer Mayor Cathy Clark

BEND, Ore. – The prestigious James C. Richards Award was presented Friday evening to Keizer Mayor Cathy Clark during the League of Oregon Cities’ 94th Annual Conference in Bend. The award is given to an elected city official who serves the citizens of Oregon through an exceptional personal investment in intergovernmental affairs.

Mayor Clark is an unwavering champion for her community, a leader in the Mid-Willamette Valley and among mayors across the state. During her years on the Keizer City Council, Mayor Clark has successfully led efforts to launch a local library initiative, improved miles of street scape, and helped develop a new civic and event center. In 2017, she led the effort to create stable funding for parks and police services and has responsibly directed public resources to homeless programs that have made measurable impacts.

Regionally, Mayor Clark has helped improve both the economy and transportation systems, and with the efforts to end homelessness in the Mid-Willamette Valley. She has held key leadership positions with the League of Oregon Cities, the Mid-Willamette Council of Governments and the Salem Keizer MPO.

Mayor Clark has worked tirelessly to preserve the home rule authority of cities in Oregon. Her efforts have directly contributed to the development of transportation funding packages and increased intergovernmental cooperation.

About the James C. Richards Memorial Award

James C. Richards was a city councilor for Bay City and was the administrative officer for Tillamook County. His many years of involvement in intergovernmental affairs serve as a model for others and is the standard by which nominees are evaluated.

About the League of Oregon Cities

Founded in 1925, the LOC is a voluntary association representing all 242 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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