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Corvallis City Manager Mark Shepard Receives the LOC's Herman Kehrli Award

PORTLAND, Ore. – The prestigious Herman Kehrli Award was presented Friday evening to Corvallis City Manager Mark Shepard during the League of Oregon Cities' (LOC) 100th Annual Conference in Portland. The award is given to a city employee who has made exceptional contributions to city government in Oregon, producing lasting benefits for their community.

Shepard's exceptional public service career has been defined by ethics, financial stewardship, resilience in crisis, and a dedication to building a stronger Corvallis. Over the last decade, he has been a steady force in guiding Corvallis toward long-term financial stability. Under Shepard's leadership, local and regional partnerships have addressed critical issues like housing, homelessness and downtown revitalization. He led the effort to create the city's *first ever* Strategic Operational Plan; established its first IT Department and hired the city's first public information officer to increase engagement and transparency. As a board member of the LOC and the Oregon City-County Management Association, Shepard is a respected leader throughout the state. His peers and colleagues say his thoughtful leadership, ethical conduct, and commitment to community have transformed challenges into lasting progress.

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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