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Rogue River Mayor Pam Van Arsdale Recognized with James C. Richards Award

PORTLAND, Ore. – The prestigious James C. Richards Award was presented to Rogue River Mayor Pam Van Arsdale Friday during the League of Oregon Cities' (LOC) 100th Annual Conference in Portland. The award is given to an elected city official who serves the citizens of Oregon through exceptional personal investment in intergovernmental affairs.

Mayor VanArsdale is a force in public service—steadfast, strategic, and tackling difficult issues head-on. During her eight years as mayor, she has modernized city policies and secured vital transit services from neighboring counties. Her regional leadership includes eight years on the Rogue Valley Council of Governments board, and she also serves on the Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development's Local Officials Advisory Committee and several LOC Policy Committees. Mayor VanArsdale is a powerful advocate for small cities, ensuring their voices are heard at the regional, state, and federal levels. She's built and sustained strong relationships with fellow mayors, state legislators, and members of congress, earning respect across political lines. In 2018, her efforts were recognized with the Mayor's Leadership Award for Small Cities from the Oregon Mayors Association. Balancing a full-time career with tireless civic engagement, Mayor Van Arsdale sets a high bar for integrity and impact. Her steadfast commitment to open, educated discussion, along with realistic solutions, has benefited her city, Jackson County, the Southern Oregon region, and the entire state.

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 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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