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Fossil Mayor Carol MacInnes Receives Mark O. Hatfield Statesmanship Award

SALEM, Ore. – The League of Oregon Cities' (LOC) prestigious Mark O. Hatfield Statesmanship Award was presented to Fossil Mayor Carol MacInnes during the LOC's 101st Annual Conference in Salem. The award is presented to a deserving "statesman" who has provided lasting benefits to the quality of life for Oregon citizens.

About Mayor Carol MacInnes

Mayor MacInnes represents the very best of public service: strong, principled leadership grounded in kindness, humility, and a genuine love for her community. Across Oregon, city leaders know they can turn to her for advice, or simply as someone who will listen.
Mayor MacInnes has carried the voice of rural Oregon into regional, statewide, and federal conversations. She has participated directly in Oregon's legislative process, traveled to testify, built relationships with leaders statewide, and consistently advocated for the communities that too often struggle to be heard. Her impact has been recognized through numerous honors, including a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Oregon Commission for Women; recognition as a Rural Community Builder; the Mayor's Leadership Award from the Oregon Mayors Association, and the James C. Richards Award from the LOC. In her three decades of leadership, Mayor MacInnes has elevated rural voices, fostered collaboration, and served others with integrity and compassion.

About the Mark O. Hatfield Statesmanship Award

The Hatfield Award is presented to a deserving "statesman" who has provided lasting benefits to the quality of life for Oregon citizens. Applicants must be held in high esteem by the public due to their unselfish devotion to the call of public service. Hatfield began his political career in 1950 as a member of the Oregon Legislature, and in 1956 became the state's youngest Secretary of State at age 34. He was elected to the U.S. Senate in 1966 and became the longest-serving Senator from Oregon in 1993.

Previous Hatfield Award winners include: former Redmond Mayor George Endicott (2022); former Pendleton Mayor Philip Houk (2017); former Nehalem Mayor Shirley Kalkhoven (2015); former Oregon Senator Betsy Johnson (2013); former U.S. Congressman Greg Walden (2011); former Oregon Senator Brady Adams (2007); former Oregon Senator Cliff Trow (2001), former Oregon Governor Neil Goldschmidt (1997) and former Oregon and U.S. Senator Mark Hatfield (1996).

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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