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Auburn Mayor Nancy Backus Elected Vice President of Sound Cities Association

The Sound City Association (SCA) Board elected Auburn Mayor Nancy Backus to serve as its 2015 Vice President. SCA represents 36 cities in King County, Washington, and provides a regional voice for nearly one million people.

“Mayor Backus’ knowledge of local and regional issues and enthusiasm for bringing people together to solve problems makes her the perfect leader to serve as our new Vice President,” said SCA Executive Director Deanna Dawson.

“SCA had tremendous success in 2014 addressing our region’s top issues including fiscal responsibility, transportation, community development and environmental sustainability,” said Mayor Backus. “For example, SCA was instrumental in efforts to keep public health clinics open in Auburn and throughout the county. I look forward to building on our record of success of being a powerful regional voice for cities such as Auburn.”

Mayor Backus said SCA provides a voice for King County cities under 150,000 people in population through leadership in areas such as economic and community development, transportation, land use, health, government operations, the environment, education, public safety, social welfare and other public policy issues.

Mayor Backus was elected to her first term as mayor in 2014 and is the first female to hold the office in Auburn. As mayor, she serves on the Valley Regional Fire Authority – Vice Chair; Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) Executive Committee–Alternate; PSRC Operations Committee – Alternate; and the Economic Development Council (EDC) of Seattle and King County.

Mayor Backus is a product of the Auburn School District – she attended Pioneer Elementary, South Auburn Elementary (now Gildo Rey), Olympic Junior High School, and graduated from Auburn High School in 1979. Went on to attend Green River Community College and earned an A.A. in Business in

1981; then a B.S. in Accounting from City University in 1996. She also is a 2007 graduate of both the Leadership Institute of South Puget Sound and the Dale Carnegie Leadership Advantage.

In 2012, she was honored by the Leadership Institute of South Puget Sound with a Distinguished Alumni Award. She also received the Boeing Career Foundation Program (BCFP) Manager of the Year Award in 2011, and the Dale Carnegie Human Principles in Action award from her fellow classmates in 2007.

SCA, which was formerly known as the Suburban Cities Association, was established more than 40 years ago to help King County cities act locally and partner regionally to create vital and thriving communities through advocacy, education, leadership, mutual support and networking.

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