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Florida League of Cities Announces Leadership Transition

Jeannie Garner named new executive director

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TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – The **Florida League of Cities**, the united voice for Florida’s municipal governments, today announced that **Jeannie Garner** has been named the association’s new executive director, effective immediately. The transition in leadership comes after the retirement of **Michael Sittig**, who served as executive director of the League for 25 years.

“I’m honored to lead an organization I’ve proudly been a part of for more than two decades,” said **Garner**. “This is my ultimate dream job, and it’s a responsibility I don’t take lightly. Our team remains focused on our mission of supporting and enhancing Florida’s 411 cities, towns and villages and helping to strengthen Home Rule.”

The groundwork for this transition was laid several years ago with the League’s Board of Directors unanimously appointing Garner as executive director-designate on September 22, 2018. Prior to that, Garner served as deputy executive director.

“Jeannie’s experience and expertise make her uniquely qualified to lead the League,” said **FLC President Tony Ortiz, commissioner** for the **City of Orlando**. “We’ve all seen the incredible work she’s done over the years, and we’re confident that under her leadership, the League and its members will continue to succeed.”

Garner is a 26-year League veteran, starting in the financial services division in 1994 before moving up the ranks. She’s held different positions including director of financial services and director of insurance and financial services. She also served as executive director of the Florida Government Finance Officers Association for 17 years.

Garner is a graduate of Leadership Tallahassee and Leadership Florida. She serves on the boards of the National League of Cities (NLC) Risk Information Sharing Consortium, the NLC Mutual Insurance Company and the United Way of the Big Bend. She is also a member of the NLC Investment Committee. In 2015, she was named an “All Star” by *Risk and Insurance* magazine for overcoming challenges through exceptional problem-solving, creativity, perseverance and passion.

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Founded in 1922, the Florida League of Cities is the united voice for Florida's municipal governments. Its goals are to promote local self-government and serve the needs of Florida's cities, which are formed and governed by their citizens. The League believes in "Local Voices Making Local Choices," which focuses on the impact citizens and city leaders have in improving Florida's communities. For more information, visit flcities.com.