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## **Arapahoe County Commissioner Nancy Sharpe named Board Chair in 2017**

*Commissioner Jeff Baker named Chair Pro Tem, Commissioner Kathleen Conti is Finance Officer*

LITTLETON, CO --- Arapahoe County Commissioner Nancy Sharpe has been named chair of the 2017 Board of County Commissioners with Commissioners Jeff Baker serving as Chair Pro Tem and Kathleen Conti serving as Finance Officer.

Each year, the Commissioners select officers to oversee the Board. The appointments, which were made during the Board's Jan. 10 public meeting, are effective until Jan. 9, 2018.

Sharpe, who represents District 2, which includes the communities of Aurora, Centennial, Greenwood Village and portions of unincorporated Arapahoe County, is serving her second term as commissioner. She previously served as Board Chair in 2015, 2012, and served Chair Pro Tem in 2011 and Finance Officer in 2016.

Baker, who represents District 3, which includes unincorporated Arapahoe County and portions of Aurora, will serve as Chair Pro Tem. He is one of the newest members of the Board, who along with Conti, were sworn in Jan. 9 to their first terms as County Commissioner.

In addition to Sharpe, Baker and Conti, the remaining members of the Board include Commissioner Bill Holen, who was sworn into his second term representing District 5 and Commissioner Nancy Jackson, who is serving her second term, representing District 4.

"I'm honored to be selected by my colleagues to serve as Board Chair for 2017," said Sharpe. "Our board consists of a talented group of individuals who care deeply about Arapahoe County and are determined to carry on the work of previous commissioners to ensure our county remains financially strong and a healthy place to live, to work and to raise a family. I look forward to working with my colleagues as we address the issues that matter most for the residents of our community."

As Commissioner, Sharpe said her goals are to continue building on the County's 2016 accomplishments, including the work to improve I-25 and Arapahoe Road, completing additional parks, trails and open space projects that serve citizens, such as preserving and improving the High Line Canal and protecting the open space near Buckley Air Force Base; hiring additional employees to address wait times in our Motor Vehicle offices; and strengthening public safety with the addition of four new Sheriff's deputies and an investigator in the Coroner's Office.

Sharpe said she also anticipates Arapahoe County's Long Range Budget Planning Committee, which consists of commissioners, elected officials, County staff, citizens and community leaders, will make

recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners on ways Arapahoe County can remain financially strong, not only today, but well into the future.

In 2017, Arapahoe County also plans to hold four Telephone Town Hall Meetings to get your input on topics that matter to you. Last year, more than 19,000 residents participated in Telephone Town Hall Meetings by providing input on items such as transportation, bicycle and pedestrian amenities, public safety and

To learn more about what's in store for Arapahoe County in 2017, or to find out which commissioner represents you, visit the County's website at [www.arapahoegov.com](http://www.arapahoegov.com) and click on *Government, Board of County Commissioners*.

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**Media Note:** Individual and group portraits of the 2017 Board of County Commissioners are available for download at:

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