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**HIGHLAND PARK MAYOR NANCY ROTERING
INAUGURATED AS THE 63RD PRESIDENT OF THE
NORTHWEST MUNICIPAL CONFERENCE**

Highland Park Mayor Nancy Rodkin Rotering was inaugurated as the 2021-2022 Northwest Municipal Conference (NWMC) President at the NWMC Board meeting on Wednesday, May 12. President Rotering is the organization's 63rd president and the first from the City of Highland Park. Deerfield Mayor Dan Shapiro was installed as Vice-President, while Schaumburg Village President Tom Dailly and Lincolnwood Village Manager Anne Marie Gaura were installed as Secretary and Treasurer, respectively.

Due to ongoing COVID-19 gathering restrictions, the inauguration took place virtually, with forty-two NWMC members and guests participating. Attendees celebrated the accomplishments of outgoing NWMC President and former Lake Bluff Village President Kathleen O'Hara and thanked the outgoing officers, including Vice-President and former Northfield Village President Joan Frazier and Lake Zurich Village Manager Ray Keller, who served as Treasurer.

President Rotering thanked President O'Hara for her steadfast leadership in navigating the organization through the pandemic while providing the high level of services that the membership expects and deserves. She noted the NWMC's accomplishments during President O'Hara's term, including: ongoing pandemic assistance and participation on regional COVID task forces; launch of a new website, www.nwmc-cog.org; participation in the Local Government Distributive Fund Working Group; and, the FY21-22 NWMC budget, which did not increase membership dues for the eighth consecutive year.

In her remarks to the membership, President Roterling identified a number of initiatives in this year's work plan, including: enhancing relationships and partnering opportunities with NWMC area legislators; ongoing COVID-19 response and member assistance; successfully onboarding and supporting the seventeen new chief elected officials in the NWMC membership; relaunch and implementation of the NWMC Multimodal Plan, which was curtailed by the pandemic; and, protecting local government revenues and advocating for the collective interests of the membership.

“We each come here from a place of public service and commitment to meeting the short and long-term needs of our region. It is an honor to follow in the footsteps of President O’Hara and so many other municipal leaders whose strength, vision and collaboration are greatly appreciated, and to partner with a professional staff second to none. Here’s to a year of transitioning back from the pandemic, great teamwork, and successful advocacy on behalf of our communities,” said Roterling.

The Northwest Municipal Conference is a membership-supported association of 42 municipalities and 1 township representing a population of over 1.2 million Illinois residents. Established in 1958, the Conference serves to strengthen local government and enhance intergovernmental cooperation in the north and northwest suburbs of Chicago.

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