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## **Yolo County Administrator Appointed Liaison to Institute for Local Government Board**

(Woodland, CA) – The Institute for Local Government (ILG) recently announced the appointment of Yolo County Administrator, Sharon Jensen, as the first county administrator liaison board member to their Board of Directors. The ILG serves as a source for independent research and information for California's communities and their leaders. The role of liaison board members is to foster regular and open lines of communication with important segments of the local government community.

Brent Wallace, Executive Director of the County Administrative Officers Association of California recommended Sharon Jensen to fill this seat and noted, “The Institute for Local Government is an important organization for counties and all levels of local government. They recently changed their organizational structure to add a County Administrative Officer liaison to their board, which I think was an important step as CAOs have a unique perspective. Ms. Jensen will help make the institute even better than it is already, and what she learns through the process will only enhance her already tremendous skills as a CAO, and will benefit those she serves.”

The ILG, founded by the League of California Cities in 1995, is currently guided by a board of directors familiar with local agency challenges and committed to helping local officials serve their communities in the most well-informed and effective manner. A nonprofit research affiliate of the League of California Cities and the California State Association of Counties, the ILG provides education and advocacy services for its 478 member cities and other local agencies and specializes in addressing issues of topical and practical concern to local agencies in California.

As county liaison to the Institute’s Board of Directors, Ms. Jensen brings more than 25 years of experience at both the state and local government levels. She was appointed Yolo County Administrator in October of 2005 and prior to that, she served for five years as Assistant County Administrator. Ms. Jensen is a graduate of Southern Oregon University and a Senior Fellow with the American Leadership Forum, regularly meeting with 120 fellows throughout the region to grapple with matters of regional importance.

“I am honored to be asked to participate in the deliberations of the Institute for Local Government’s Board of Directors,” said Sharon Jensen. “I will be in the company of great leaders and the best minds as we address some of the most important issues we face in California today.”

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