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Clarkdale Mayor Doug Von Gausig Selected As Vice President for League of Arizona Cities and Towns

Clarkdale, AZ (October 1, 2010) - Members of the League of Arizona Cities and Towns elected three new officers and two new members for its policy-making Executive Committee in August at the organization's annual conference in Glendale. Clarkdale Mayor Doug Von Gausig was elected as the Vice President of the organization, and will serve with Tucson Mayor Robert Walkup (President) and Tempe Councilmember Mark Mitchell (Treasurer) as the Officers for the organization for the next two years.

The three Officers join 22 other elected officials on the Executive Committee for the League of Arizona Cities and Towns, which is the governing body of the organization and sets policy relating to legislative and organizational matters. The League of Arizona Cities and Towns is a voluntary association of all 91 incorporated cities and towns in the State of Arizona. It provides policy and legislative advocacy, information and inquiry services, along with publications and educational programs to strengthen the quality and efficiency of municipal government. It was founded in 1937 to serve the interests of cities and towns and to preserve the principles of home rule and local determination.

Mayor Von Gausig met with the other League Officers and the League's Executive Director, Ken Strobeck, on Monday, September 27th to discuss the League's priorities for the coming year. Protecting shared state revenues for our cities and towns remains one of the League's top priorities, and the officers will be working more closely than ever with State legislators and other interest groups to help find and implement solutions to the State's budget challenges.

According to Mayor Von Gausig, the potential \$1.4 billion deficit the State faces in the coming year is also the most pressing issue our cities and towns face. In their effort to solve this budget crisis, the Legislature will be forced to look to Arizona's municipalities for answers, and the League is dedicated to finding ways that we can "help the state help itself" through cooperative and innovative problem solving. Unlike the State, Arizona's communities have always had to balance their budgets, so their experience finding creative ways to provide services on ever-decreasing revenues will prove invaluable to the State.

Yavapai County is well represented on the League's Executive Committee. Sedona Mayor Rob Adams and Prescott Valley Mayor Harvey Skoog are among the members.