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Steinhauser Accepts City Manager Position in Kentucky

DUBUQUE, Iowa – City of Dubuque Assistant City Manager Cindy Steinhauser has accepted the city manager position for Frankfort, Kentucky. She will leave employment with the City of Dubuque in early June and begin the new position on June 8.

Frankfort is the capital of Kentucky and is located between Louisville and Lexington, along the Kentucky River. The city has a population of nearly 28,000 and operates under the city manager form of government, with the city manager appointed by an elected five-member board of commissioners, which includes a mayor and four commissioners.

Steinhauser, a Dubuque native and Loras College graduate, has been employed with the City of Dubuque since 1995 and has served as assistant city manager since 2001. Her main responsibilities in this role have included assisting in budget development, managing City responses to citizen issues, implementation of the City Council's annual goals and priorities, assisting with or managing grant applications and award applications, and providing technical assistance to City departments and managing process improvements.

"Cindy has made an indelible mark on her hometown. Her passion for getting things done right -- along with her ability to work with others, including employee teams, community partners, and at the national level -- helped to enhance the implementation of important projects. Cindy is all about outcomes and what it means for the customer," said Dubuque City Manager Mike Van Milligen. "I offer my sincerest congratulations as she starts on the next chapter of her career and I know Frankfort will be the better for it."

Steinhauser was involved with numerous major city projects including: the America's River Project, the design and construction of the Grand River Center; the Downtown Master Plan, the Historic Millwork District Revitalization Strategy, Sustainable Dubuque, Smarter Sustainable Dubuque, the Arts Task Force, the Growing Sustainable Communities Conference, and Dubuque's All-America City awards.

She began employment with the City as the neighborhood development specialist in 1995 and was named the City's parking system supervisor in 1999. Before joining the City of Dubuque, she served as executive director of Dubuque Main Street from 1992 to 1994 and program manager for Main Street Clinton in Clinton, Iowa, from 1990 to 1992.

She is a current member of the Dubuque Main Street Board of Directors, Dubuque Area Convention and Visitors Bureau Advisory Board, America's River Corporation, Rising Star Theater and Julien Dubuque International Film Festival Executive Board. She also serves on the STAR Technical Advisory committee, the International City/County Managers Association (ICMA) International Committee, and chairs the ICMA Sustainable Community Advisory Committee. Her past involvement with civic groups includes: Iowa Women Lead Change (IWLC) Dubuque Steering Committee, Matter Creative Center, the Loras College Community Task Force, ICMA Awards Committee member, Iowa Municipal Management Institute Professional Development Committee, Women in Management, Neighborhood Reinvestment Institute, and the Dubuque Area Youth Leadership Council.

Van Milligen said he plans to work with Personnel Manager Randy Peck on evaluating the future of the soon-to-be vacant assistant city manager position, as every City department is required to do when there is a vacancy.

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