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Executive Transition at MWGMC

Jennifer Raitt replaces Donna Jacobs as interim director

Dear Friends and Supporters:

Change is inevitable and this month brought news of a significant change for the MetroWest Growth Management Committee. Donna Jacobs moved on as Director of MWGMC to embark on new professional endeavors. We would like to thank Donna for her efforts on behalf of MetroWest, and wish her well in the future.

With the assistance of MAPC, the Executive Board is pleased to have gained Jennifer Raitt as our interim director. Jennifer is MAPC's Chief Housing Planner and brings 13 years of experience in housing, community development and planning for nonprofits and municipalities. Jennifer joins Andrew Flanagan, Assistant Planner, and Martin Pillsbury from MAPC will serve as the Nyanza Project Manager.

While searching for a new Director, we will plan our next steps and seek your input to effectively move forward for the benefit of MetroWest. We look forward to strengthening the services we deliver to member communities, and to realizing new opportunities. We will:

1. Advocate for common interests, especially in relation to land use, planning, transportation, environmental protection, and municipal governance and finance;
2. Provide technical assistance and consulting services on small-scale projects that serve multiple communities, generate a "best practices" model, or are replicable. Special emphasis will be placed on projects involving regional or shared services;
3. Address regional impacts of development projects through project review, analysis, and mediation, as needed;
4. Provide subregional services, including setting transportation priorities and educating the public about key regional issues; and

A coalition of MetroWest communities working to address issues that transcend our municipal borders.

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5. Provide overall administration of the organization (Executive Board, Leadership Committee, Planners' Roundtable, and Transportation Task Force), including forums such as MetroWest Matters and other public outreach initiatives.

We look forward to hearing your feedback, and hope that you will contact our office with any suggestions, questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

MetroWest Growth Management Committee Executive Board

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