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Trustee Serves As President of Regional Council

Cincinnati, Ohio – Liberty Township Trustee Christine Matacic has been named President of the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments (OKI). Matacic will serve as President of the organization for the next two years after completing two terms as First Vice President.

“This is a great opportunity to serve the region in addressing and finding solutions to a variety of issues including transportation, the environment and land use planning,” said Matacic. “Liberty Township knows first hand that it takes coordination, cooperation and communication to ensure progress is made and that it is made in a way that benefits the community and the entire region.”

Matacic will lead the 117 member Board of Directors and Executive Committee who represent governmental, social and civic groups from 198 communities in the eight county, three-state region. The Board and Executive Committee works together to solve interstate dilemmas, create far-reaching development plans, break through political bureaucracy, provide services to the public and advocate for federal funding.

Matacic was re-elected to a second four-year term as Liberty Township Trustee on November 8, 2005. Prior to being re-elected, Matacic’s involvement in the community included serving on the boards of the Butler County Regional Transit

Authority and the West Chester Chamber Alliance. Matacic has also been involved with the United Way of Butler County, Miami2Miami Coalition, Liberty Township Parks and Trails Initiative. She has served on the OKI Board since 2002.

“Matacic’s knowledge, experience and dedication to the community create the foundation needed to effectively lead our region,” said Mark Policinski, Executive Director of OKI. “She recognizes the critical nature of balancing growth and development with the needs of our citizens and communities. President Matacic has already shown, through years of service at OKI, that she works diligently to build consensus and find solutions that will better the region as a whole.”

Formed in 1964, OKI has spent 43 years cultivating partnerships and alliances that range from the federal government to local councils. The Board is lead by the officers:

- Trustee Christine Matacic, President
- Judge/Executive Gary W. Moore, Past President
- Judge/Executive Steve Pendery, First Vice President
- Commissioner Pat DeWine, Second Vice President
- Commissioner Mary Walker, Treasurer
- Mark Policinski, Secretary/Executive Director

OKI is a council of local governments, business organizations and community groups committed to developing collaborative strategies, plans and programs to improve the quality of life and the economic development potential of the Tri-State.

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