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# News Release

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## **City Administrator Klaphake elected to CIRSA Board of Directors**

**LAFAYETTE, CO July 2, 2014** – Lafayette City Administrator Gary Klaphake was elected to the Board of Directors for the Colorado Intergovernmental Risk Sharing Agency (CIRSA) at their general membership meeting in June.

CIRSA is a not-for-profit, member-owned insurance pool operating since 1982 and currently serves a membership base of 80% of Colorado municipalities and affiliated public entities. Members look to the organization to provide affordable coverage and risk management services. In addition to assuring the association adequately represents all members regardless of size or geographic location, Board of Directors are obliged to support CIRSA values of mutual trust, ability to embrace change, and participation as a collaborative decision-making member.

“By pooling resources with CIRSA versus purchasing insurance on our own, we’ve saved the City tens of thousands of dollars,” said Gary Klaphake, Lafayette City Administrator. “I’m looking forward to helping guide the direction of this organization over the next four years.”

Klaphake has held the City Administrator position with Lafayette since 1998 and has worked for CIRSA member cities for a total of 26 years. Under his direction, Lafayette received a AAA Standard and Poors Bond Rating and has made great strides in economic development. A 39 year member of the International City/County Management Association (ICMA), Klaphake has also held City Administrator positions in Estes Park, Colorado, Carroll, Iowa, and Fairmont, Minnesota. Mr. Klaphake received his B.A. in Business Administration from the University of Minnesota and his M.A. in Organizational Management from the University of Phoenix. He was voted Colorado City Manager of the Year in 2010 and CIRSA Safety Manager of the Year in 2011.

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