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Erica Manuel named Executive Director of Institute for Local Government

Sacramento, **CA** – The Institute for Local Government (ILG) today announced that Erica Manuel will join ILG as its executive director. Manuel will begin in her new role Jan. 22.

"I am humbled by the opportunity to lead the Institute for Local Government during this exciting time of change for the organization," said Manuel. "I share the Institute's dedication to supporting local leaders in fostering sustainable, vibrant and healthy communities and look forward to this exciting opportunity."

Manuel has over 15 years of experience as a leader in the public and non-profit sectors, including as manager of community, economic development and education at the Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD), the 6th largest utility in the nation. In that role, she directed all community development, education, and customer engagement activities for the electric utility serving Sacramento County, designed and implemented programs to address environmental policies, and employed proactive and diverse stakeholder engagement to reinforce an inclusive approach to decision-making and governance.

The Institute for Local Government is a non-profit affiliate of the League of California Cities, California Special Districts Association and California State Association of Counties. The Institute's mission is to promote good government at the local level with practical, impartial and easy-to-use resources for California communities.

"The League is thrilled to have Erica lead ILG during this dynamic time of change for the organization," said Carolyn Coleman, executive director, League of California Cities. "She is a seasoned professional with strong leadership experience and communications skills that will enable the Institute to be an even stronger partner to California's communities."

"CSAC is excited to welcome Erica to ILG, and is looking forward to continued collaboration with the Institute as we work to create resilient communities and support California's Counties in delivering the breadth of services communities rely on," said Graham Knaus, executive director, California State Association of Counties.

"Over the past few years, CSDA has successfully partnered with ILG to build awareness of the impact of special districts in local communities. We welcome Erica and are excited to build on our

recent momentum as we continue to work together," says Neil McCormick, chief executive officer, California Special Districts Association.

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