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Oklahoma Municipal League Announces the 5th Graduating Class of the Community Leadership Development Program



(February 21, 2017) – Individuals from cities around the state recently graduated from the Community Leadership Development (CLD) program in a special ceremony in Altus. The Oklahoma Municipal League (OML) is proud to announce the 2016-2017 graduating class of CLD: as pictured above front row left to right: Cathy Pulver, Staff Accountant, Oklahoma Municipal League; Patti Osmus, Assistant to City Manager, City of Stillwater; Tina Rodriguez, City Clerk, City of Choctaw; Kye Harper, Human Resource Director, City of Elk City; Camille Dowers, City Clerk, City of Newcastle; Connie Guinn, Loan Analyst, Oklahoma Water Resources Board; Julie Lenius, Director, Elk City Convention and Visitors Bureau. Back row left to right: Jack Tatum, Mayor, Town of Warner; Murali Katta, Project Engineer, City of Enid; Joe Don Dunham, City Business Manager, City of Alva; Ben Orcutt, Police Chief, City of Alva; Johnny Lewis, Town Administrator, Town of Warner; Louis Mintz, Director of Public Utilities, City of Enid; Dana Watkins, IT Director, City of Enid; Russell Brand, Assistant Fire Chief, City of Perry; Jeremy Frazier, Assistant City Manager, City of Cushing. Not pictured; Tracey Aaron, Clerk/Treasurer, City of Prague; Erin Crawford, Chief Financial Officer, City of Enid; and Shannon Wiebelt, Court Clerk and Dispatch Supervisor, City of Crescent.

Graduation was hosted by the City of Altus and the Altus Chamber of Commerce. The event was held at Western Oklahoma State College. Brian Bush, CEO, Altus Chamber of Commerce welcomed the class. Debbie Davis, City Clerk/Treasurer, City of Altus, along with Jan Neufeild, Chief Financial Officer, City of

Altus and Cat Bentley, Accounting Tech, City of Altus all former graduates from the program attended the ceremony.

The Community Leadership Development program is an exceptional 12 month leadership program designed to engage citizens to become community leaders by learning valuable skills in the areas of teamwork, community assessment and planning, economic development and tourism, and community renewal.

The CLD Class 5 would not be possible without the generous support of community partners, including Oklahoma Gas and Electric, Oklahoma Natural Gas, Public Service Company of Oklahoma and Phillips 66.

The 2017/2018 CLD Class 6 is forming now. For more information and to apply for CLD Class 6, visit www.oml.org or contact Cheryl Adams at (405) 528-7515, cadams@oml.org.

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About Oklahoma Municipal League

The mission of the OML is to provide services and programs required by municipal officials to assist them in better serving their citizens, and to act as the representative of Oklahoma municipalities in interactions requiring a united voice. Since 1913, the League has served as the individual and collective voice of local officials on the state and national level.