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## **Arapahoe County Commissioners, Elected Officials sworn-in to office**

*Commissioner Nancy Sharpe is named Board Chair, Nancy Jackson named Chair Pro Tem*

LITTLETON, CO --- On Jan. 12, Arapahoe County Elected Officials were sworn into office, and the Board of County Commissioners selected Commissioner Nancy Sharpe as chair and Commissioner Nancy Jackson as chair pro tem for 2015.

Assessor Corbin Saktol, Clerk and Recorder Matt Crane, Commissioners Sharpe and Jackson, Coroner Dr. Kelly Lear-Kaul and Sheriff David Walcher were each sworn into office by 18<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Chief Judge Carlos A. Samour during an evening ceremony Jan. 12. Treasurer Sue Sandstrom, who is serving her second, four-year term, was sworn into office during a separate ceremony Jan. 2.

- Saktol, who was first elected Assessor in 2007, is serving his third and final four-year term as Arapahoe County Assessor. He has worked for the Arapahoe County Assessor's Office since 1990.
- Crane, who was appointed Clerk and Recorder in 2013, was elected to his first, four-year term as Arapahoe County Clerk and Recorder. He has worked for the Clerk and Recorder's Office since 2007.
- Lear-Kaul, who was appointed Coroner in 2014 following the retirement of Dr. Michael Dobersen, is serving her first, four-year term as Arapahoe County Coroner. She has worked for the Coroner's Office since 2004.
- Walcher, who was appointed Sheriff in 2014 following the retirement of Grayson Robinson, is serving his first, four-term as Arapahoe County Sheriff. Walcher has 34 years of law enforcement experience, including serving in the Sheriff's Office since 2009.

Following the swearing-in ceremony, the Board of County Commissioners selected officers for 2015.

Sharpe, who represents District 2, which includes the communities of Aurora, Centennial, Greenwood Village and unincorporated Arapahoe County, is serving her second term as commissioner. She previously served as Board Chair in 2012, and Chair Pro Tem in 2011.

"It is truly is a humbling experience running for elected office," said Commissioner Nancy Sharpe, upon being sworn into office. "The responsibility of this office really comes home when you take the oath of office. I'm honored to be selected by my colleagues to serve as Board chair for the upcoming year. I look forward to working with our communities, chambers, economic development partners, school districts and state and local officials on the issues that matter most for the residents of Arapahoe County."

As Commissioner, Sharpe's goals for 2015 include a strong emphasis on economic development, public safety, transportation and healthy and viable communities, including issues facing seniors – Arapahoe County priorities identified by citizens in the County's 2014 Citizen Survey as important to maintain Arapahoe County's quality of life.

Jackson, who represents District 4, which includes unincorporated Arapahoe County and Aurora, will serve as Chair Pro Tem.

"Service is about protecting our rights and creating communities that we want to live in, and working together with citizens to make that happen," said Commissioner Nancy Jackson upon being sworn into office. "I believe that we need to give back to the community that supports us and I'm honored to serve as chair pro tem and look forward to serving the citizens of Arapahoe County."

Jackson's goals include protecting the environment through the County's Open Space program, encouraging new employment opportunities; maintaining safe neighborhoods through the support of effective jails and courts and focusing on programs that assist and educate citizens about services offered by the County.

Commissioner Nancy Doty will serve as the Board's Finance Officer.

In addition to Sharpe, Jackson and Doty, the remaining members of the Board include Commissioner Bill Holen, who is serving his first term representing District 5 and Commissioner Rod Bockenfeld, who is serving his third term, representing District 3.

To learn more about the Arapahoe County Board of County Commissioners and Elected Officials, or to find out which commissioner represents you, visit the County's website at [www.arapahoegov.com](http://www.arapahoegov.com) and click on *Government, Elected Officials*.

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**Media Note:** Individual and group portraits of the 2015 Board of County Commissioners and Elected Officials are available for download by clicking on the County's website at: <http://www.arapahoegov.com/gallery.aspx?AID=4> and <http://www.arapahoegov.com/gallery.aspx?AID=5>. Photos from the swearing-in ceremony are available on the County's website at: <http://www.arapahoegov.com/gallery.aspx?AID=16>