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Arapahoe County to say farewell to Commissioners Debra Vickrey and Marie Mackenzie during ceremony Monday

Citizens are invited to join the Board of County Commissioners as they wish Commissioner Marie Mackenzie and Debra Vickrey a fond farewell after eight years of dedicated service to Arapahoe County.

A reception will be held 4 – 6 p.m., Monday, Dec. 13 in the East Hearing Room of the County's Administration Building, 5334 S. Prince St., Littleton. The program begins at 4:30 p.m.

Mackenzie and Vickrey, who were elected to the Board in 1996 and re-elected in 2000, will complete their terms on Jan. 11, 2005 when commissioners-elect Rod Bockenfeld and Frank Weddig are sworn in. Mackenzie and Vickrey are the last two commissioners who were part of the Board that went from three members to five in 1997.

Mackenzie, representing District 3, has been deeply involved in the community. Since taking office, her focus has been dedicated to long-range planning in the areas of transportation, water, land use, open space, historic preservation and county services. Some of her accomplishments include the acquisition and preservation of the 17 Mile House, Cherry Creek Ecological Park, Bow Tie Park and the County's new Open Space program. She also helped spearhead the acquisition of property for a new fairgrounds and regional park; championed water issues and served on the Arapahoe County Airport Authority Board, which oversees Centennial Airport.

Vickrey, representing District 5, also has been deeply involved in the community. Since taking office, her goal was to make government more accessible and open to Arapahoe County citizens. Some of her accomplishments include, the reorganization of the Human Services Department; the introduction of new computer technology into the County; the 2002 opening of CentrePoint Plaza and Sheriff's/Coroner's Administration Building; the acquisition of the County's new financial system; acquisition of land for the future fairgrounds and regional park; and the remodel of Altura Plaza and Arapahoe Plaza – two service centers in Aurora and Littleton.
