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New Arapahoe County Commissioners take office Jan. 11 *Community invited to public swearing-in ceremony at 7 p.m.*

Arapahoe County Commissioner Susan Beckman and Commissioners-elect Rod Bockenfeld and Frank Weddig will take the oath of office before Arapahoe County Judge John Leopold Tuesday.

Citizens are invited to attend the ceremony, which will be held at 7 p.m. in the Arapahoe County Administration Building East Hearing Room, 5334 S. Prince St., Littleton. A reception will be held immediately following the ceremony in the lobby.

Beckman, who is completing her first term representing District 1, was re-elected in November to serve a second, four-year term on the Board. She is the current Board Chair and has championed transportation issues for the South Denver metro region, as well as represented Arapahoe County on a variety of issues of local and regional significance through her participation on the Denver Regional Council of Governments, Colorado Counties, Inc. and other local organizations. Prior to serving as Commissioner, she was a member of the Littleton City Council. She is a longtime Colorado resident who grew up in Trinidad and has a bachelor's degree in mass communication from the University of Southern Colorado. Beckman lives in Littleton with her husband Bruce and two children.

Bockenfeld, who was elected in November to replace outgoing Commissioner Marie Mackenzie, will begin his first term representing District 3. Bockenfeld owns Bockenfeld Financial Group, a financial consulting and investment business, and has a background as a fraud investigator. He has a bachelor's degree in law enforcement administration from Western Illinois University and is a graduate of the University of Colorado Graduate School of Banking in Boulder. Bockenfeld lives in Centennial with his wife Susan. They have five children.

Weddig, who represents District 5, will begin serving his first four-year term, replacing outgoing Commissioner Debra Vickrey. Previously, he served in the Colorado Legislature, first as a State Senator from 1994-2000, and later in the House of Representatives from 2000 – 2004. He also served on the Aurora City Council from 1981-1994. He is a retired commercial construction electrician. Weddig and his wife Pat live in Aurora and have three grown daughters and six grandchildren.