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Mayor Jim Thornton Elected GMA First Vice President

Atlanta, Ga. July 3, 2020 – LaGrange Mayor Jim Thornton was elected first vice president of the Georgia Municipal Association (GMA) during the association's annual meeting on July 2. He is now in line to become president of the 500+ member city organization in 2021.



Rusi Patel (pictured on the right), General Counsel for the Georgia Municipal Association, installs LaGrange Mayor Jim Thornton (pictured on the left) as GMA's First Vice President Thursday, July 2

Thornton was elected to the LaGrange City Council in 2009, and after serving one full term on the council, was elected Mayor in 2013.

Within GMA, he has served on the Board of Directors and as a trustee for the Georgia Municipal Employee Benefits System. He's also been chair of the Environment and Natural Resources Policy Committee and a member of the Legislative and Federal Policy Committees. Thornton was appointed as a co-chair of the recently established GMA Equity and Inclusion Commission.

"Mayor Thornton is well respected by city officials around the state," said GMA Executive Director Larry Hanson. "He understands the issues cities face and has played an important role in legislative efforts on behalf of cities for many years. We look forward to his continued leadership in this new role."

About GMA: Based in Atlanta, GMA is a voluntary, non-profit organization that provides legislative advocacy, educational, employee benefit and technical assistance services to its 537 member cities.

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