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**TAYLOR MAYOR ELECTED FIRST VICE CHAIR OF CAPCOG EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**TAYLOR, TX**—The City of Taylor is proud to announce that Mayor Brandt Rydell was recently elected to be the new First Vice Chair of the Executive Committee for the Capital Area Council of Governments (CAPCOG) at the Executive Committee meeting on January 13, 2021. Formed in 1970, CAPCOG for more than 45 years has served as an advocate, planner and coordinator on important regional issues in the 10-county Austin-Round Rock-Georgetown Metropolitan Statistical Area.

“It is an honor to have been elected by my fellow city and county leaders across the Austin metropolitan area to serve in this role. CAPCOG is committed to encouraging and facilitating cooperation among local governments in conjunction with other levels of government and the private sector for the future development of our region and for the improvement of the health, safety, and welfare of our citizens. I look forward to working with our Chair, Bastrop County Judge Paul Pape, and the rest of the Executive Committee and CAPCOG staff as we continue to pursue those goals,” said Mayor Rydell.

CAPCOG operates in the ten-county Capital area with more than 90-member governments and organizations, including cities, counties, school and appraisal districts, utilities, chambers of commerce and more. The 29-member Executive Committee, CAPCOG’s governing body, comprises city and county elected officials and four nonvoting state legislator seats nominated and selected annually to serve from January through December. They provide direction to CAPCOG staff on program implementation, budgets, contracts and general policies and procedures for managing the agency. The Executive Committee also serves as the board of managers for the Capital Area Emergency Communications District.

Mayor Rydell has served on the CAPCOG General Assembly for six years and the Executive Committee for four years. Taylor City Council member Robert Garcia is also a member of the CAPCOG General Assembly.

Learn more about CAPCOG at [www.capcog.org](http://www.capcog.org). For additional information about Mayor Rydell, please call the City of Taylor Communications Office at 512-352-5448.