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Laura Neumann named Board Chair of Pikes Peak United Way

Colorado Springs, July 28, 2020 — Pikes Peak United Way would like to announce that Laura Neumann has been named Board Chair effective July 23. She began serving on PPUW's board in 2018.

Stephannie Fortune, President of Spark and Soar, will serve alongside Neumann as Vice-Chair. Neumann was preceded as Board Chair by Mike Sullivan, Chief Human Resources Officer for the City of Colorado Springs.

Three people also have joined the board this month: Terrell Brown, Jeff Finn and Deborah Hendrix.

Throughout her career, Neumann has successfully traversed tourism, city-building and public service. She was noted as "One of the Top Women to Watch in Colorado Springs in 2015" by The Colorado Springs Business Journal.

Neumann, who owns LN Business Consulting, serves as the strategic lead for the City for Champions Downtown Stadium and the surrounding CityGate development for Weidner Apartment Homes.

Previously, she spent three years as Managing Director of the Garden of the Gods Resort and Club and served as the City of Colorado Springs Mayor's Chief of Staff from late 2011 to early 2014. Neumann worked for Benchmark Hospitality International for 24 years before that, with seven spent as Vice President for Benchmark at Cheyenne Mountain Resort.

Neumann currently serves on the Colorado Springs Chamber and EDC board, COS Downtown Partnership board, COS Forward, and the Manitou Springs Community Foundation. A 2014 graduate of the Colorado Springs Leadership Institute as well as a City of COS Resolution of Appreciation recipient for her dedicated services to its citizens, Neumann is known for her dedication to our community.

"I am honored to serve in a leadership role at PPUW where we are intently focused on connecting youth and their families to resources at the front end of their life journey during these critical times," Neumann said. "My life has had an uncanny way of coming full circle."

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