

BOSTON MUNICIPAL RESEARCH BUREAU NAMES PAM KOCHER AS FIRST WOMAN PRESIDENT

Kocher succeeds long-time Research Bureau President Sam Tyler

(Boston, MA) -- The Boston Municipal Research Bureau Board of Directors unanimously appointed Pam Kocher as its President, effective today. Kocher brings extensive



professional experience working with cities and towns across Massachusetts, including the City of Boston, on a wide range of local and state government policy and finance matters. Kocher succeeds long-time Research Bureau President Sam Tyler and is the first woman President to lead the organization in its 87 year history. For the past two years Kocher has served as the Research Bureau's Vice President of Policy and Research.

With a career in public policy and a focus on governmental best practices, Kocher has served as the Research Bureau's Vice President of Policy & Research since 2017. She provided state fiscal oversight of the City of Lawrence for both the Baker and Patrick administrations and coordinated the Baker-Polito Administration's Community Compact initiative engaging cities and towns on best practices. Pam served as Director of Local Policy in Governor Patrick's Executive Office for Administration and Finance, was appointed to his Pension Reform Commission and the Group Insurance Commission. Previously, she was Senior Research Analyst for the Massachusetts Municipal Association. A resident of Boston, Pam holds a Bachelor's degree in Urban Studies from Connecticut College and a Master of Public Health degree from Boston University.

"The Research Bureau plays a dominant role in promoting responsible and efficient government for Boston and being a catalyst for needed change," said Tom Samoluk, outgoing Chair of the Research Bureau and Vice President & Counsel of John Hancock. "Ms. Kocher is a terrific choice to direct that work going forward and continue the respected contributions of Sam Tyler, who led the Bureau for over three decades."

"We are excited to have Pam Kocher take on the role of President," said Marty Jones, incoming Chair of the Research Bureau and Principal of MLJ Insights. "She brings to this position a combination of energy, strategic thinking, and understanding of the challenges and opportunities for Boston. I am delighted to have the opportunity to work with Pam to build on and expand the Bureau's visibility, work, and impact in the City of Boston."

"I am deeply honored to succeed Sam Tyler," said Pam Kocher. "I look forward to continuing the Research Bureau's mission bringing expert research, independent analysis, and trusted insights to city finances and core functions as well as new challenges in a changing city. Our research agenda for the coming months includes key education, transportation and climate resiliency initiatives that will impact the City for many years to come."

"I am delighted that Pam will be the next Research Bureau President," said Sam Tyler, President of the Research Bureau. "With Pam's appointment, the Research Bureau is well-positioned to continue making an important difference in the City of Boston over a wide range of city issues."

The Research Bureau

The Research Bureau is a nonprofit, member-supported organization that applies independent research, expert analysis and insights to produce trusted results that drive needed change on important issues beneficial to the City as a whole and for those who work and live in Boston. Our research and recommendations have led to sound policies, new laws, and important city management improvements, many of which have had long-term beneficial consequences for Boston. For more information, visit www.bmr.org.