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The League Names The Richard J. Schuettler Center for Municipal Development in Honor and Recognition of Distinguished Leadership of Retiring Executive Director

Harrisburg, PA (October 11, 2021) – During the 122nd Annual Municipal Leadership Summit in Lancaster, the Pennsylvania Municipal League (The League) Board of Directors approved renaming the League’s non-profit entity, the Richard J. Schuettler Center for Municipal Development. The purpose of the Center is to assist local elected and appointed officials in obtaining the knowledge and leadership skills necessary to meet the challenges of their office and provide a forum from which urban policy issues can be debated, formulated and communicated through such means as training, research papers and educational publications. During his 8 years as Executive Director of The League, Mr. Schuettler, who is retiring at the end of this year, has been an outstanding champion of municipal training and leadership.

“I am humbled by the League Board of Directors’ action to rename our Center for Municipal Development the Richard J. Schuettler Center for Municipal Development,” said Executive Director Schuettler. “I believe the Center will be a leader in assisting local government officials obtain leadership and related skills to meet the myriad of challenges they will face during their tenures. I am deeply grateful to the Board of Directors and all League members for this honor.”

In recognition and honor of his service, numerous organizations and individuals have pledged to support The Schuettler Center. Nearly \$60,000 has been pledged thus far. Contributions will be utilized to create an endowment fund to support the work of the Center going forward. The League hopes to reach a goal of \$250,000 by October 2022. To learn more about the Center, including information about making a pledge, visit PML.org.

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About The Pennsylvania Municipal League

The mission of the Pennsylvania Municipal League is to strengthen, empower and advocate for effective local government. The League is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization established in 1900 as an advocate for Pennsylvania’s 3rd class cities. Today, The League represents Pennsylvania cities, boroughs, townships, home rule communities and towns that all share their municipal policy interests. The Board of Directors oversees the administration of a wide array of municipal services including legislative advocacy, publications, education/training, consulting-based programs, and group insurance trusts. For more information, please visit PML.org. Join the conversation at twitter.com/PAMunicipalLeag and facebook.com/PaMunicipalLeague – #MunicipalLeadershipSummit21, #StrengthThroughEngagement.