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CAPITAL REGION COLLABORATIVE SELECTS STONEY AND RHODES AS CO-CHAIRS

*Organizing Council adopts new plan for leadership succession and
releases beta testing of new regional statistics website*

Richmond, VA – On Friday, the Organizing Council of the Capital Region Collaborative (CRC) appointed leaders to chair the regional partnership for 2017. Levar M. Stoney, the newly elected mayor of the City of Richmond, and Dr. Gary L. Rhodes, the president of J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College were named as co-chairs. Since the founding of the CRC, the role of chairperson has always been shared by one representative of the business community and one elected official representing local government.

At the meeting, the Organizing Council also adopted an official leadership succession plan by which co-vice chairpersons are appointed to serve for a year before becoming co-chairs in the following year. The Organizing Council named Mark L. Mullinix, the first vice president and chief operating officer at the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond, and Angela Y. Cabell, a member of the Powhatan County Board of Supervisors, as co-vice chairs for 2017.

“Our success as individual jurisdictions is tied to our success as a region,” said Mayor Stoney. “None of us can do it alone, but working together on the issues that unite us all, we can meet the real challenges we face and take advantage of the opportunities we have to propel our region forward. The Collaborative is the engine that will drive our successful partnership.”

“The Collaborative is positioned to take the next step in advancing the region’s priorities,” said Dr. Rhodes. “Having served on the Organizing Council since the very beginning, I’m energized by the momentum we are experiencing and eager to execute some of our big goals this year.”

The Capital Region Collaborative brings together government, business, and community stakeholders to achieve a shared vision for the Richmond Region. The Organizing Council sets the direction of the CRC to align community resources and help partners make data-driven decisions. The region’s most pressing challenges don’t end at jurisdictional boundaries. The CRC relies on a cross-sector, cross-jurisdictional approach to identify, prioritize, and implement actions that will enhance the quality of life in the greater Richmond region.

Over the last year, CRC has positioned itself as a community resource for data, analysis, and collaborative connections. On Friday, the Organizing Council released the beta version of a completely overhauled website that will give community leaders, nonprofit practitioners, funders, and policy makers access to data that will allow them to coordinate strategies and investments in our community.

The completed website will be formally released with updated data on March 10 as part of the CRC’s annual Community Update event held at Reynolds Workforce Development Center.

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The Capital Region Collaborative engages government, business, and community stakeholders in a process of identifying, prioritizing, and implementing actions that will enhance the quality of life in the greater Richmond region, which includes the Town of Ashland, the City of Richmond, and the Counties of Charles City, Chesterfield, Goochland, Hanover, Henrico, New Kent, and Powhatan.