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Laura J. Cooper
Major Cities Chiefs Association (MCCA) Executive Director

MCCA President and Houston TX Chief Art Acevedo announced today that the Board of Directors has selected Laura Cooper as the new MCCA Executive Director. Cooper is currently the Director of Government Affairs for Brooks Bawden Moore LLC, a Washington DC based government relations and strategic consulting firm focused on law enforcement, homeland security and intelligence.

MCCA President Art Acevedo said, “The board is pleased Ms. Cooper is joining us and look forward to working with her. She has a strong and well-established network in Washington and with other law enforcement organizations that will undoubtedly assist our membership with our efforts to positively influence the law enforcement community throughout our Nation for many years to come.”

Laura Cooper joined Brooks Bawden Moore, LLC in 2016 after serving as Director of Government Affairs for The Charles Group. Laura has managed legislative affairs for corporate clients and premier law enforcement organizations, including the Major County Sheriffs of America (MCSA). She has been at the forefront of today’s leading public safety policy initiatives and has worked extensively on criminal justice, national security and technology issues.

Laura has fostered and maintained partnerships across all aspects of public safety and is a Capitol Hill veteran with extensive experience managing complex legislative issues. She has coordinated state and local level working groups, bipartisan efforts to resolve challenges, and has written several pieces of legislation.

“I am excited to join the MCCA and am humbled by the Board’s vote of confidence. The association’s energy and dedication to public safety is inspiring and I am eager to advance the MCCA’s prominence and stability,” said Laura Cooper. “Through strategic partnerships, leadership development and membership outreach, the MCCA will fulfill its vision of being the primary source for innovative international policing practices and I am elated to now be part of that mission.”

MCCA First Vice President and Phoenix, AZ Chief Jeri L. Williams said, “Laura made a very strong impression on the board during her interview. Along with her impressive background we are confident that she is the right choice for MCCA Executive Director”.

Cooper will begin her new position on September 1, 2019.

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Major Cities Chiefs is a professional association of Chiefs and Sheriffs representing the largest cities in the United States and Canada. Membership is comprised of Chiefs and Sheriffs of the sixty-nine largest law enforcement agencies in the United States and nine largest in Canada.