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LaGrange Mayor Jim Thornton Elected GMA Third Vice President



Mayor Jim Thornton

LaGrange, Ga. June 25, 2018 – LaGrange Mayor Jim Thornton is elected Third Vice President for the Georgia Municipal Association for the 2018-2019 year.

LaGrange city leaders, along with other city officials from across the state of Georgia, are meeting for the 85th GMA annual convention in Savannah.

As Third Vice President, Mayor Thornton will be in line to be the President of the GMA in three years.

This year's GMA President is Auburn Mayor Linda Blechinger. The GMA First Vice President is Dublin Mayor Phil Best and the GMA Second Vice President is Union City Mayor Vince Williams.



Mayor Thornton sworn in as GMA Third Vice President

GMA General Counsel Susan Moore led the swearing in ceremony.

The GMA President has general supervision and is in charge of the affairs of the GMA.

There have been two other LaGrange mayors to serve as President of GMA including Mayor R. S. O'Neal in 1944 and Mayor Frank Tigner in 1955.

The mission of the Georgia Municipal Association is to anticipate and influence the forces shaping Georgia's cities and to provide leadership, tools and services that assist municipal governments in becoming more innovative, effective and responsive.



LaGrange City Leaders at the GMA Annual Convention. Pictured from left to right: Councilman Mark Mitchell, Councilman Tom Gore, Councilman Nathan Gaskin, Mayor Jim Thornton, Councilman Jim Arrington

At this year's GMA convention, city officials are engaging in a variety of meaningful and thought provoking training classes ranging in topics from developing entrepreneur friendly cities to planning and zoning.

Mayor Thornton is expected to be GMA President for the 2021-2022 year.

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