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VACo Names Hudgins President for 2011-2012 **Local officials also select regional representatives to the Board of Directors**

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The membership of the Virginia Association of Counties elected Fairfax County Supervisor Catherine M. Hudgins as 2011-2012 President during VACo's 77th Annual Conference in Bath County. Hudgins and other newly elected officers started their terms at the association's Annual Business Meeting on Nov. 15.

Hudgins succeeds Wise County Supervisor Robert R. Adkins and becomes the eighth president from Fairfax County. The other presidents from Fairfax County are G. Wallace Carper (1952), Stuart T. DeBell (1964), James M. Scott (1979), Martha V. Pennino (1989), Katherine K. Hanley (1996), Gerald W. Hyland (2002) and Gerald E. Connolly (2005).

"I am truly honored to be elected as your president," Hudgins said during her acceptance speech. "I am pleased to serve an organization that brings together the ideas of many to make each of our counties the best they can be."

Hudgins was elected to the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors in 1999 and represents one of the largest magisterial districts in the county with a growing diverse population and a changing land use development. She joined the VACo Board of Directors in 2000.

"Cathy is a cerebral leader, and in this time of uncertainty, her style will serve our membership well," VACo Executive Director James D. Campbell said. "Even though Cathy represents a large county, she has always been aware of the needs of every county. Cathy also has experience with the VACo presidency, serving as Kate Hanley's chief of staff while Kate was our president. VACo is fortunate to have Cathy Hudgins as its president."

Hudgins is a smart growth advocate and works to obtain mix use development that integrates environment, transportation and housing with the goal of creating sustainable communities.

Hudgins serves on several regional and state boards. Currently, she is the Chairman of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Board (WMATA/Metro). In 2010, she

served as Chairman of Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (NVTC) and Vice Chair of WMATA. She served as 2007 Chairman of the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board (TPB) and continues as a current member.

“There are many new members in the General Assembly this year, and it is important that all of us in VACo work together to ensure the success of our critical core services,” Hudgins said. “We must do what we can to make sure our General Assembly members work with us—to strengthen our schools and by doing so strengthen our communities.”

Her professional career before elected office included mathematics teacher and computer programmer, instructor, analyst and consultant for AT&T for twelve years. She was elected to two terms as Virginia National Committeewoman on the Democratic National Committee (1984-1992).

Hudgins holds a Masters of Public Administration from George Mason University and Bachelor’s of Science in mathematics education from the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff. She and her husband, Willie, have been residents and active community members of Reston since 1969. They are parents of two Fairfax County Public School graduates.

VACo 2011-12 Executive Committee

President: [Catherine M. Hudgins](#), Fairfax County

President-Elect: [John D. Miller](#), Middlesex County

First Vice President: [Harrison A. Moody](#), Dinwiddie County

Second Vice President: [Pablo Cuevas](#), Rockingham County

Secretary-Treasurer: [Penelope A. Gross](#), Fairfax County

Immediate Past-President: [Robert R. Adkins](#), Wise County

Past Presidents

[Donald L. Hart, Jr.](#), Accomack County

VACo 2011-12 Board Directors

In addition to the VACo Executive Committee and Past Presidents, the [Board of Directors](#) consists of 24 supervisors representing 13 regions of the state. The terms are on a two-year cycle and the number of directors, per region, is based on the population.

This year, representatives were selected in regions 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 10, 13.
([Click here for a regional map](#))

VACo 2011-12 board members include:

Region 2: [Sherrin C. Alsop](#), King and Queen County

Region 3: [Gilbert A. Smith](#), Charles City County

Region 4: [Nancy R. Carwile](#), Charlotte County
Region 7: [Chester W. Stribling](#), Fauquier County
Region 8: [Maureen S. Caddigan](#), Prince William County
Region 8: [Linda Q. Smyth](#), Fairfax County
Region 9: [William B. Kyger, Jr.](#), Rockingham County
Region 10: [Mary W. Biggs](#), Montgomery County
Region 13: [Jon Bowerbank](#), Russell County

ATTACHED PHOTOS—**(first photo)** VACo President Catherine M. Hudgins takes the oath of office. **(second photo)** Catherine M. Hudgins poses with Robert R. Adkins. Hudgins succeeds Adkins as VACo president.

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