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Fresno's Carole Laval Honored as Appraisal Institute's 'Volunteer of Distinction'

CHICAGO (July 6, 2016) – Carole T. Laval, SRA, of Fresno, California, was recognized today as the Appraisal Institute's July "Volunteer of Distinction" for Region I.

The Appraisal Institute is the nation's largest professional association of real estate appraisers; ; Region I consists of Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington, northern California, northern Nevada and British Columbia, Canada. Laval is a member of the Northern California Chapter.

"Carole Laval is an outstanding example of the high standards held by Appraisal Institute professionals," said Appraisal Institute President Scott Robinson, MAI, SRA, AI-GRS. "We feel fortunate to have volunteers like Carole, who are willing to devote their time and talent to helping their communities and advancing the valuation profession."

Laval has served the Northern California Chapter as chair of the Government Relations Committee since 2015, also having the role from 2011-13, in 2009 and from 2001-2007. She serves on the chapter's Education Committee, member of the Minority and Women Directory and also chaired the chapter's 2016 Spring Conference. Laval was the chair of the chapter's Public Relations Committee from 2014-15, served on the Board of Directors in 2014; member of the Government Relations Committee in 2014; regional representative from 2010-11; and alternate regional representative in 2006. She served the Central California Chapter as president; chair of the Government Relations Committee and regional representative in 1996; vice president in 1995; and chapter representative on the California Government Relations Subcommittee from 1993-95. Laval received her SRA designation in 1984. She received the Claudia B. Carleton, MAI, Legacy in Leadership Award from the Northern California Chapter in 2013.

She is principal at Laval and Associates in Fresno, and has been in the valuation profession for 43 years. Laval received a bachelor's degree in economics from California State University, Fresno.

Laval's volunteer activities include serving as 2016 president of the Kennedy Club, and previously as president of the Fresno County Democratic Women's Club and National Women's Political Caucus of Fresno, Inc. She also was a volunteer for the Fresno County Women Lawyers Hall of Fame to honor outstanding women.

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