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Governor Bullock Announces Departure of Chief of Staff

*Longtime aide returning to true passion - local government;
Tracy Stone-Manning to serve as new Chief of Staff*

HELENA – Today, Governor Steve Bullock announced the departure of Tim Burton, his Chief of Staff during his tenure as Attorney General, and his first two years as Governor.

“Tim is a dear friend and trusted advisor, so it’s difficult to see him go, but I understand that he has an opportunity he could not pass up. Together, we have accomplished much for Montana and I will miss him both personally and professionally,” said Bullock.

During Burton’s tenure as chief of staff at the Attorney General’s Office, the Bullock administration:

- Instituted the Montana 24/7 Sobriety Program to hold drunken drivers accountable;
- Led the effort in the Legislature to create a prescription drug monitoring program; and
- Created the Children’s Justice Center to better protect our children and hold offenders accountable.

In the Governor’s Office, Tim helped Governor Bullock:

- Make Montana the most fiscally prudent state in the nation;
- Balance the state’s budget while leaving a significant rainy day fund;
- Fix the state’s ailing pension system without raising taxes; and
- Make significant investments in the next generation of Montanans.

“While I am excited about the once-in-a-career opportunity to work for the Montana League of Cities and Towns, it is bittersweet as I leave Governor Bullock’s office. I am proud of my service to the state of Montana, and to a Governor doing great things for a state we both love so much,” said Burton.

Burton is joining the League of Cities and Towns as its Executive Director; a position that has not been open in over 30 years. Previous to joining then-Attorney General Bullock, Tim served nine years as Helena’s City Manager, as well as five years as Chief Administrative Officer for Lewis and Clark County. He leaves the Governor’s Office to pursue his passion – local government.

Burton will be transitioning out of his position in the next few weeks, and begin his new job with MLCT on January 1st.

Governor Bullock named Director of the Montana Department of Environmental Quality, Tracy Stone-Manning, to serve as his new Chief of Staff. “Tracy has a brilliant mind and I have been extremely impressed with her ability to work with varying and diverse interests. She is a capable administrator, a trusted advisor, and a friend. I could not be more pleased that Tracy has agreed to serve as my Chief of Staff,” said Bullock.

Tom Livers will take over at DEQ following the transition. Livers has been with DEQ since the department was created, including the last 12 years serving as Deputy Director.

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