



Announcing Leadership Transition At ULI Washington

ULI Washington members and partners,

I am writing today to share with you some bittersweet news. Our Executive Director, Liz Price, has accepted an appointment to join WMATA as Vice President of Real Estate and Parking. Her last day at ULI Washington will be September 17th. Margit Nahra, Senior Director, will serve as Acting Executive Director while we conduct a search for Liz's replacement which we expect to finalize in January 2022.

While we will miss Liz's energy and passion, we are confident that her new position will allow her to continue her positive impact on the industry and the region. Liz joined ULI at a unique time helping to transition the organization after Lisa Rother's retirement and navigating the COVID-19 pandemic. We are proud of the tremendous work she and the ULI team have accomplished over her tenure:

- Strengthened member engagement and value by pivoting quickly to virtual events and programs, creating more than 70 opportunities for members to learn and connect, delivering three virtual TAPs, and expanding the reach of UrbanPlan.
- Led an update of our Strategic Plan that elevated DEI as a core pillar of our mission.
- With leadership from Corporate Partnership co-chairs Roger Winston and Elizabeth Cotter, increased sponsorship by 50 percent and support for DEI, WLI, and UrbanPlan through new Impact Partnerships.
- Re-energized our communications and marketing strategy, elevating member voices through social media and our Leadership Insights blog.
- With support and leadership from FY20 – 21 District Council Chair Jamie Weinbaum, advanced diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI) at ULI and in the industry:
 - Increased diversity of ULI membership, leadership and speakers.
 - Prioritized DEI content in programs and communications.
 - Revised our awards programs.
 - Fostered partnerships with BIPOC-serving organizations and local HBCUs.

One of Liz's greatest contributions was building a strong, collaborative team that has worked closely with her to deliver these results. We are fortunate to have Margit's leadership during this transition, and I look forward to working with her and the team to continue to deliver value to our members.

I know you will join me in thanking Liz for her hard work and leadership. We wish her the very best in her new role and look forward to her continued engagement as a member of ULI Washington.

Sincerely,

Julie Smith
District Council Chair