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Bureau of Governmental Research President Amy Glovinsky to Step Down at the End of the Year

Today, the [Bureau of Governmental Research](#) (BGR) announces that Amy Glovinsky will step down from her position as BGR’s President & CEO effective December 31 of this year. Glovinsky, who has served BGR for almost 6 years, informed the BGR Board of Directors of her decision at its meeting last week.

Under Glovinsky’s leadership, BGR embarked upon a deliberate strategy to improve organizational effectiveness and the impact of BGR’s policy recommendations. Significant initiatives included modernized fundraising, membership and communication strategies; improved community outreach and engagement; internal productivity measurement; enhanced government monitoring; institutionalized analytical frameworks; the *Daily Dispatch* and *PolicyWatch* newsletters and *InBrief* report summaries; and an overarching focus on the accessibility and effectiveness of BGR’s reports and recommendations. During Glovinsky’s tenure, BGR published more than 50 public policy reports on critical issues in Orleans, St. Tammany and Jefferson parishes, with topics including municipal budgets and taxation, infrastructure, public education funding, public pensions, property assessments and accountability for federal pandemic relief funds.

“I leave with the highest respect for BGR, its legacy of excellence, its team of expert researchers and its dedicated board. It has been my honor to lead such an essential organization, and I am proud of the work we accomplished during my tenure,” Glovinsky stated. “I also have a debt of gratitude to the many citizens who trusted the work BGR produced during my tenure and aligned with us in insisting on more accountable, transparent, effective and efficient local government.”

On her next professional steps, Glovinsky provided, “For the immediate future, I am singularly focused on facilitating the transition to BGR’s next leader. After a brief pause, I will determine where and how I will make my next professional contribution to our community.”

On Glovinsky’s departure, BGR Board Chair Norma Grace stated, “We have benefitted tremendously from Amy’s transformative leadership, and we are confident in the foundation for success she leaves behind. We

look forward to this next phase of BGR leadership, where the organization continues to elevate its standing and impact in the community.”

The BGR board has taken the initial steps to ensure a smooth transition to new leadership. Past Board Chair Ludovico Feoli will lead the search committee in a national effort to find a new President and CEO, who BGR expects to hire by the end of the year. “In this transition, we are committed to finding a leader to build on recent successes while identifying BGR’s next opportunities for organizational growth. Our search committee has begun its work to ensure a thoughtful and timely process,” Feoli commented. “BGR’s next leader will step into an organization well positioned for another phase of achievement.”

BGR has retained The Jones Group of New Orleans to conduct its search. [The leadership profile and job description can be found here on BGR’s website.](#)

The Bureau of Governmental Research (BGR) is a private, nonprofit, independent research organization dedicated to informed public policy making and the effective use of public resources for the improvement of government in the New Orleans metropolitan area. Since its founding in 1932, BGR has served as a constructive, nonpartisan voice in the local policy landscape, providing in-depth research and reporting on important public policy issues. For more information: <https://www.bgr.org>.