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Susan Kirkpatrick is the executive director of the Colorado Department of Local Affairs (DOLA). Prior to her appointment by Governor Bill Ritter in January 2007, she was the director of Institutional Advancement and chief executive officer for the Aims Community College Foundation.

Kirkpatrick served as mayor of Fort Collins from 1990 – 1993, and was a member of the Fort Collins City Council from 1986 – 1990.

Her employment in post-secondary education began in 1974 and has included working as a lecturer in political science at Colorado State University from 1988 – 1991 and as an assistant professor at the University of Northern Colorado from 1992 – 1997.

Kirkpatrick's extensive involvement in community activities and organizations includes service as a board member of the Poudre Valley Health System and she work as vice president and executive director of the National Audubon Society's Colorado office from 1999 – 2002. Kirkpatrick was a founding member and chair of Great Outdoors Colorado, where she served from 1993 – 1997.

Kirkpatrick received her BA in Political Science from the University of Michigan, an Ed.M. from Harvard University and a Ph.D. in Political Science from Colorado State University.

The Colorado Department of Local Affairs' mission, "*Strengthening Colorado Communities,*" is carried out through a wide range of essential services to citizens and local governments including specialized training, technical and financial assistance. A diverse agency, DOLA includes the Colorado Office of Emergency Management, the Division of Housing, Division of Local Government, the Board of Assessment Appeals, and the Division of Property Taxation.

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