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**DENVER REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS HONORS RICK GARCIA
WITH A DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD**

DENVER – Rick Garcia received a Distinguished Service Award from the Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG). The award was presented by DRCOG board secretary Bob Fifer at DRCOG’s annual awards celebration on April 26 at the Sheraton Downtown Denver.

Garcia served as a member of DRCOG’s board of directors, as a member of Denver City Council and on the board of directors for the Regional Transportation District where he helped ensure the passage of the FasTracks initiative. Garcia was also a major supporter and advocate of DRCOG’s Sustainable Communities Initiative. Garcia served most recently as the director of Housing and Urban Development, Region 8.

“Rick Garcia has helped make life better in our region for many years in many different roles,” said Doug Rex, DRCOG’s acting executive director. “Rick was a major supporter and advocate for both the City and County of Denver and DRCOG’s successful applications for Sustainable Communities Initiative grants and was instrumental in DRCOG’s implementation of a \$4.5 million SCI grant.”

DRCOG presents Distinguished Service Awards to individuals who make significant contributions to the Denver region and its communities, and to DRCOG’s programs and activities. The regional council has been honoring outstanding achievements for more than 30 years.

The Denver Regional Council of Governments is a planning organization where local governments collaborate to establish guidelines, set policy and allocate funding in the areas of transportation and personal mobility, growth and development, and aging and disability resources.

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