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Capital District Community Gardens Elects New Officers and Board Members

Michael Whiteman, Esq. Elected Board President

New officers were elected to serve on Capital District Community Gardens' Board of Directors. The 21-member board is responsible for developing innovative programs that are implemented by the 36 year old non-profit, which nourishes healthy communities and beautifies neighborhoods in Albany, Rensselaer, Schenectady and southern Saratoga counties.

Michael Whiteman, Esq. was elected to serve as President of Capital District Community Gardens' Board of Directors. During his 40 year residence in downtown Albany, Whiteman has provided legal counsel for governors Nelson A. Rockefeller and Malcolm Wilson, founded the Albany based law firm Whiteman Osterman & Hanna LLP and served as an officer for various community organizations, including the Albany Institute of History and Art, the Albany Academy for Girls, Albany Pro Musica, The Albany Symphony and Historic Albany Foundation.

"I'm honored to have been selected to Chair Capital District Community Gardens' Board of Directors. This is an exciting time in the organization's growth and I look forward to working with the staff, Board and volunteers to continue to propel CDCG's momentum," said Whiteman.

Other officers elected to serve on the board include: **Dr. Raymond Smith**, of Albany Medical College, as Executive Vice President; **Kim Hickok**, of Web Instinct, as Vice President; **Michael Bergen**, Principal at Architecture +, as Treasurer; **Jean Gerbini, Esq.**, re-elected Board Secretary; and **Jeff Leon** and **Jack McGaughnea** as At-Large Executive Committee members.

Joining CDCG's Board of Directors are **John Carl**, Vice President and Financial Advisor at Morgan Stanley Smith Barney, LLC and **Kenneth Peterson**, Education, Environmental and Urban Development Lobbyist and Consultant.

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Capital District Community Gardens is a nonprofit organization that has served the Capital Region for more than 35 years. CDCG nourishes healthy communities with nearly 50 Community Gardens, The Veggie Mobile and Sprout, The Healthy Convenience Store Initiative, The Produce Project, Squash Hunger, The Taste Good Series and Street Tree Planting.

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