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## **Urban Land Institute names Silk as vice chair of Boston/N.E. District Council**

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Sandi Silk

Boston, MA The Boston/New England District Council of the Urban Land Institute (ULI) has appointed Sandi Silk, senior vice president and development partner at Jefferson Apartment Group, as vice chair. She will become district council chair on July 1st.

Silk has been involved with ULI for over 20 years, including leadership roles on the management committee and as co-chair of the UrbanPlan program as well as participating as a member of the local Housing and Economic Development and Women's Leadership Initiative (WLI) Councils. Silk will succeed Carlos Febres-Mazzei, managing principal and founder of Quaker Lane Capital, who served as district chair for two years.

In her role at Jefferson Apartment Group, Silk is responsible for all development and land acquisition activities for the Boston and New England region. Prior to joining JAG, she was director of development for Federal Realty Investment Trust's mixed use Assembly Row project and served in various development roles at JPI and at Archstone.

"ULI has been a foundational part of my own professional development two decades, and it is an exciting time for me to step into this leadership role to help the Boston/New England District Council achieve its ambitious goals," said Sandi Silk. "Over the next two years, I look forward to furthering the successes that Carlos Febres-Mazzei has achieved and continuing to expand ULI's knowledge leadership throughout New England while growing programs and membership within this important organization."

Since 2020, ULI Boston/New England has navigated two challenging years deftly and with great results. Under Febres-Mazzei, the District Council made a significant investment to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, including investment into the fourth class of Pathways to Inclusion – an initiative to expand ULI networking and learning opportunities to land use professionals of color, the adoption of the Boston CRE DEI Compact, and formation of a committee to expand access to real estate education to young people of color.

In 2022 and beyond, ULI Boston/New England is committed to expanding its DEI initiatives in addition to the ranks of leaders engaged in other programs, including the Advisory Board, Management Committee, Local Product Councils, Young Leaders Group (YLG), and Women's Leadership Initiative. The Boston/New England District Council supports over 1,400 members, making it one of ULI's top District Councils.

"We are fortunate to have someone with Sandi's knowledge and passion taking over as District Chair," said Michelle Landers, executive director of ULI Boston/New England. "Sandi is committed to making sure ULI is a viable resource to industry professionals and policy makers and a leader in preparing land use professionals to have positive impacts in communities."