



City of Ketchum

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## **City Council Approves Appointment of Scovell to KURA Commission**

KETCHUM, IDAHO – The Ketchum City Council has approved the appointment of Susan Scovell as commissioner to the Ketchum Urban Renewal Agency.

Scovell was nominated to fill a vacancy on the commission by Mayor Nina Jonas and the appointment was approved by the city council on June 19.

A professional architect and business owner, Scovell has also been actively involved in the city's growth, planning and development for more than 15 years. From 1999 to 2015, she served on the Ketchum Planning and Zoning Commission and more than a decade ago helped design the Ketchum Cemetery buildings.

"I am pleased that someone with Susan's experience and dedication will be a part of the KURA," Mayor Jonas said. "For a long time, Susan has proven her dedication and commitment to sustainable growth and the city's future. I welcome her to the commission."

Scovell is filling the seat formerly occupied by Jae Hill.

Scovell, who grew up in a small rural Oregon town, moved to Ketchum in 1977 and in addition to her professional work, taught cross country skiing at the Nordic Ski School in Sun Valley. She is the former owner of a furniture store in Ketchum and involved in the operation of the Leadville Espresso House downtown.

"When you are from such a small town, you understand that you need to pitch in on so many levels, just to keep your community healthy, safe and vibrant," Scovell wrote in her letter of interest. "That is my reason for volunteering to serve on the KURA commission."

The KURA is governed by seven commissioners. Three commissioners are city council members, while the other four are from the community. The KURA mission focuses on affordable workforce housing, downtown revitalization and improving the environment for economic development and public/private partnerships.

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## **About the City of Ketchum**

The City of Ketchum is located in the Wood River Valley in south central Idaho. Founded in 1880 during the mining boom, Ketchum is now regarded as one of the most popular destinations for winter and summer visitors due to its world-class skiing, mountain biking, fishing, hiking, restaurants, art galleries, and shopping. This year, the City of Ketchum will host the 60<sup>th</sup> annual celebration of its famous Wagon Days on Labor Day Weekend and is in the direct “path of totality” for the solar eclipse on August 21<sup>st</sup>. Ketchum is home to more than 10,000 full- and part-time residents. For more information about the city of Ketchum, visit [www.ketchumidaho.org](http://www.ketchumidaho.org).