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CAPITOL COMMISSION WELCOMES SANDRA E. PATANO AS NEW MEMBER

Idaho Capitol Commission Chairman, Roy Lewiston Eiguren, formally welcomed Sandra E. Patano of Coeur d'Alene as the newest member of the Commission during its regular meeting held today in the Senate Caucus Room of the State Capitol Building. Patano fills the Commission vacancy of Coeur d'Alene author and journalist, Louise Shadduck, who resigned that past January.

Patano is currently State Director for U.S. Senator Larry Craig where she is responsible for staff administration and management of the Senator's six Idaho regional offices.

In introducing Patano, Eiguren especially acknowledged her expertise in organizational and management development along with her strong background in communications, community, and volunteer services. Her term is effective July 1, 2000 through July 1, 2005.

Prior to her work with Senator Craig, which also included several years as a Regional Director for the Senator's staff in Idaho's 10 most northern counties, she was Manager of Public Relations for Sunshine Mining Company.

Patano holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Eastern Washington University in Organization and Mass Communications. Her community involvement includes district and local leadership positions with Rotary where she served as the first female president of Coeur d'Alene Rotary after 78 years. In addition to her extensive experience with the Republican Party, she is also active with the Kootenai Medical Center Foundation, having served as President of the Board; the United Way, and in a variety of projects helping the youth and elderly.