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Texas Lyceum announces Reda Hicks as 2022 president elect

Sept. 14, 2021 – The Texas Lyceum, a nonprofit, nonpartisan, statewide leadership organization, has announced the appointment of Reda Hicks, Texas Lyceum Class of 2016, as the organization's president elect for 2022.

In her role as president elect, Hicks will serve as part of the 2022 Lyceum leadership team which will include Sarah Jackson as president and Castlen Kennedy as chairman. Hicks will serve as president of the organization in 2023. Hicks was nominated and approved for the role by the organization's directorship. Previously, Hicks served as an executive committee member and co-chair of two prior Texas Lyceum conferences.

"Reda's personal and professional experiences including pursuing a career in law, building a start-up from the ground up, and engaging in civic work for her local communities and the broader military community position her well to lead the organization as both a president elect and president in the next two years," said Texas Lyceum chair of the annual nominating committee and past chairman, Sanjay Ramabhadran.

Hicks is a native Texan, born and raised in Odessa and a current resident of Humble. Professionally, she is a Vice President at Burford Capital LLC and is the founder of GotSpot, Inc. Personally, she supports impact-driven engagement in her community through Leadership Houston, the League of Women Voters Houston, and Impact Hub Houston. Further, Hicks is a proud army spouse and works to support military families at the local, state, and national levels through Military Family Advisory Network and Bunker Labs and is a founding member of the Military Spouse JD Network, the bar association for military spouse attorneys. Hicks graduated from the University of Texas at Austin for her undergraduate studies and the University of California Berkeley for her juris doctorate.

"Reda exemplifies what it means to be a true leader, engaging with causes that align with both her personal values and professional goals to improve the lives of all Texans," said 2021 Texas Lyceum President Castlen Kennedy. "We're grateful for Reda's commitment and service to the Texas Lyceum and look forward to the initiatives she'll bring to life for the organization and communities throughout the state."

The 96-member Texas Lyceum board acts as a catalyst to bring together diverse opinions and expertise to focus on national and state issues, and seeks to emphasize constructive private sector, public sector and individual responses. The Lyceum selects new directors to fill the seats of outgoing directors annually through a rigorous application process that ensures the 96 directors represent the breadth of the diversity in Texas. The selection process ensures Lyceum directors are active and involved in their communities, have demonstrated leadership abilities and are eager to contribute their talents and time to the betterment of Texas. To learn more about the Texas Lyceum, visit <u>www.texaslyceum.org</u>.

The Texas Lyceum is the only nonprofit, nonpartisan, stateside leadership organization focused on identifying the state's next generation of leaders and providing a forum for civil discourse. The organization hosts meetings and conferences, publishes a nationally-acclaimed annual poll, and offers scholarship and fellowship programs all focused on bringing together diverse opinions and expertise to emphasize constructive private-sector, public-sector and individual responses to the issues facing the state and the nation.