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SENATE REPUBLICAN LEADERSHIP ANNOUNCE LEADERSHIP STAFF

Many new faces to appear in leadership offices with new legislative session

TOPEKA -- Republican leaders in the Kansas State Senate today announced the leadership staff who will serve the leadership team and all 32 members of the Republican caucus through the 2011 session and beyond.

Senate Majority Leader Jay Emler, R-Lindsborg, (who succeeds former Majority Leader Derek Schmidt who will assume the office of Attorney General next Monday) has named Stephanie Mullholland as his chief of staff and Macie Smith as legislative director. Donna Casement will remain as executive assistant to the majority leader and Cheryl Masters will continue as Senator Emler's session secretary.

Mullholland has been in leadership roles the past 15 years with the Kansas Press Association, Kansas chapter of the National Electrical Contractors Association and, most recently, with Kansas Action for Children. She has worked over the past decade on a number of political campaigns and was part of the Class of 2009 of the Eisenhower Excellence in Public Service Series. Mullholland is a graduate of Washburn University.

Smith most recently worked for Gencur Svaty Public Affairs. Prior to that, she was a volunteer on Schmidt's campaign for Attorney General. Smith is a graduate of Fort Hays State University where she studied political science.

Donna Casement was the executive assistant for outgoing Majority Leader Derek Schmidt. Masters has been Senator Emler's session secretary since 2005.

Senate President Steve Morris, R-Hugoton, has hired Kansas State University senior and Hugoton native Taylor Concannon as legislative assistant. Concannon served as a legislative intern for the Senate President's office in 2009 and 2010. She also earned a summer internship with US Sen. Pat Roberts in Washington DC last summer. Remaining on staff in the Senate President's Office are Chief of Staff Michael White, Office Operations Director Jamie Lane, Communications Director Patti Van Slyke and Session Secretary Linda Reed.

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