



## **PRESS RELEASE: INDIANA RECYCLING COALITION'S EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO STEP DOWN IN 2018**

INDIANAPOLIS - Indiana Recycling Coalition's Executive Director, Carey Hamilton, has announced she will leave the organization in March of 2018 after more than 9 years leading the organization.

As IRC's Executive Director since September 2008, Carey has led its evolution from a grassroots organization with one part-time staff person to a professional organization with 4 staff plus contractors working on a range of programs and delivering a highly-regarded annual conference and trade show. Her efforts have helped to more than triple the organization's budget, enabling the IRC to grow its staff and better serve its mission.

Carey is stepping down from the IRC to focus on her role as Indiana State Representative for House District 87, a position to which she was elected in November 2016. "It has been an honor and a privilege to lead the IRC and to work with our state and national partners to support

Indiana's manufacturers and grow green jobs, while reducing energy use and conserving natural resources," Carey said.

Under Carey's leadership, an IRC-led industry coalition effectively advocated for Indiana's first electronics recycling law in 2009. In 2013 and 2014, IRC efforts in the Statehouse led to increased recycling funding and a statewide recycling goal. The IRC has won the National Recycling Coalition's Outstanding State Recycling Organization award twice in the past four years.

From 2014-2015, Carey led local and national opposition to a global incineration company's "dirty recycling" plan for Indianapolis. The multi-pronged advocacy, publicity and legal campaign was successful in defeating the ill-conceived plan, and set the stage for effective curbside recycling in Indiana's largest city.

"Carey's contributions to the IRC and our statewide mission have truly been transformative and we thank her for her great work on behalf of the organization. We also know her passion for service and coalition building skills will serve her constituents well in the Statehouse," said Cassie Stockamp, IRC Board President. The IRC Board of Directors has formed a search committee and will conduct a nationwide search for Carey's successor. The Board hopes to select its fourth executive director in its 28-year history in the first quarter of 2018. Carey will work with the Board and her successor to ensure a smooth transition.

"We look forward to identifying a new executive director who will continue the IRC's momentum, working towards a more sustainable Indiana," said Greg Spratt, IRC Board Vice President and Search Committee Chair. The job posting will be available in early January. In the meantime, interested candidates can contact Charitable Advisors at [Bryan@CharitableAdvisors.com](mailto:Bryan@CharitableAdvisors.com).