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## Environmental Regulatory Expert, Cheryl Lombard, Joins ClearPath as Senior Program Director to lead Permitting Policy

**Washington, DC – May 19, 2023** – ClearPath announced Cheryl Lombard will be joining our team as Senior Program Director for Regulatory Policy and Advocacy. Lombard [announced](#) today she will be stepping down as President and CEO of Valley Partnership, a trade association advocating for responsible development, in the Phoenix, Arizona-metro area to join ClearPath.

Since joining Valley Partnership, Lombard has received recognition as one of Arizona Real Estate Magazine's Most Influential Women in Commercial Real Estate and Commercial Executive Magazine's Women in Power in 2015 and 2023. She also represents the real estate development industry as a member of the Arizona Steering Committee for the Lower Basin Water Drought Contingency Plan (DCP) and served on Governor Doug Ducey's (R-AZ) Water Augmentation Council. She currently serves on Governor Katie Hobbs' (D-AZ) Water Policy Council.

"Cheryl is a truly respected and trusted voice on clean energy, sustainable economic development, and environmental law, and we are thrilled to have such a seasoned expert joining us at ClearPath," **said Jeremy Harrell, ClearPath's Chief Strategy Officer**. "Cheryl's diverse professional experiences position her well to lead our growing initiatives focused on modernizing permitting for energy infrastructure, and an essential enabler of a clean, reliable and secure U.S. energy future."

"I'm excited to help lead a growing initiative for ClearPath focused on modernizing permitting for clean energy, one of the hottest topics currently before Congress," **said Lombard**. "Growing the economy, project development and the need for reliable and affordable energy meeting modern needs has been the focus of my career and I'm looking forward to this new role."

Previously, Cheryl was the Government Relations Director for The Nature Conservancy in Arizona. There she led many federal, state, and local policy changes and received recognition including the Arizona Capitol Times Public Policy Leader of Year for the Environment in 2010. While with the Conservancy she also served as the Co-Chair of Ducey's Transition Committee on State Lands and as a Member of Arizona Governor Jan Brewer's Transition Team.

Lombard also served on the staff for U.S. Reps. Howard P. "Buck" McKeon (R-CA) and Cliff Stearns (R-FL) in both his District and Washington, DC offices. She holds a Juris Doctorate from Southwestern University School of Law, a Master's degree in Public Administration from California State University, Northridge, and a Bachelor's degree from the American University in Washington, D.C. She is a member of the State Bar of California and served as both a Governor Brewer and Napolitano appointee to the Arizona Governor's Regulatory Review Council from 2008 to 2014.

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