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La Palma Appoints New City Manager

LA PALMA, Calif. – On November 17, 2015, the La Palma City Council appointed Laurie Murray as the next City Manager of La Palma. Her appointment completes a quick transition from Ellen Volmert's resignation in mid-October, to the temporary appointment of Police Chief Eric Nunez as the Acting City Manager, to Laurie Murray's selection as the new Manager.

Mrs. Murray has worked for La Palma since 2006, serving as the City's first Administrative Services Manager. She was promoted to the Administrative Services Director position in 2014. Among her many accomplishments while working for La Palma, Mrs. Murray has been able to:



- Oversee the reorganization and consolidation of the City's former Finance and Administrative Departments.
- Managed the conversion of the City's Financial and Human Resources operations into the Tyler Incode Financial Software System.
- Managed extensive technology upgrades: including a fiber optic network between city buildings; upgrade of infrastructure; and implementation of public Wi-Fi at City facilities.
- Negotiated an Animal Care Services agreement with SEAACA, providing a higher level of service at a lower cost to residents and the City.
- Conducted successful labor negotiations in 2008, 2011, and 2014.
- Launched a curbside recycling program at no additional cost to residents.

Prior to coming to La Palma, Mrs. Murray had previously worked for the Cities of Aliso Viejo and Mission Viejo. She earned her Bachelor Degree in Business Management from Vanguard University of Southern California in May 2007, graduating Summa Cum Laude.

Mayor Peter Kim, said, "Laurie is a fine Administrator that has helped the City through the last several difficult years with her dedication to fiscal responsibility and transparency."

In accepting the Council's appointment, new City Manager Laurie Murray said, "she was both honored and humbled to receive the appointment and understands the tremendous responsibilities that come with it. She looks forward to working with the City Council, residents, and employees to work through the challenges and opportunities facing the City."

Picture: [L to R: City Manager Laurie Murray, Mayor Pro Tem Gerard Goedhart, Mayor Peter Kim]

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About the City of La Palma

Ranked by Money Magazine in 2015, 2013, 2011, and 2007 as one of America's Best Places to Live, the City of La Palma is a 1.9 square mile general law city in northwest Orange County, consisting of over 15,568 residents and approximately 300 commercial and industrial businesses. The City was incorporated in 1955 under the name of Dairyland and has 52 full-time and 35 part-time employees.

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