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Sarah Mundy Named Riverside Museum and Cultural Affairs Director

Former interim director of the Riverside Metropolitan Museum assumes new role

RIVERSIDE, Calif. – Sarah Mundy, who has served as interim director of the Riverside Metropolitan Museum since December, has been named the City of Riverside’s Museum and Cultural Affairs Director.

Mundy was selected from more than 90 applicants who responded to a nationwide recruitment effort. She begins her new role on July 15.

City Manager Scott Barber said that in her six months as interim director, Mundy has built strong working relationships with the staff, Museum Board, Museum Associates and the Fox Foundation Board.

“Sarah has built a solid base from which to further improve our museum and cultural affairs divisions,” Barber said. “I look forward to seeing how Sarah works with Museum staff, Board and Associates on a new strategic plan to enhance the Museum’s exposure to Riverside residents and beyond.”

Mundy also is creating a working committee to assist with the rehabilitation of the Harada House, a National Historic Landmark in Riverside, and is spearheading the effort to bring in a new operator of the Fox Theater and Municipal Auditorium. Mundy also is working to enhance the City’s signature event, the Festival of Lights.

Mundy, 45, had previously worked for the Riverside County Economic Development Agency, including assignments overseeing economic development, managing the Riverside County Fair and the National Date Festival, as well as county libraries and the Edward-Dean Museum and Gardens.

“Riverside has a rich history of leadership on cultural affairs in the Inland area,” Mundy said. “I am thrilled to have the opportunity to maintain and expand the arts and cultural offerings for our residents.”

Mundy’s current job with the City was created last year when Barber reorganized the Museum Director position so that it also is responsible for the city’s Arts and Culture department, which includes the Fox Theater, the Festival of Lights and the programming for the Fox Entertainment Plaza.

Mundy’s salary will be \$145,116.