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## **City of Riverside Names Brenda Diederichs Human Resources Director**

*Former Assistant Human Resources Director Moves to Top Spot*

RIVERSIDE, Calif. – Brenda Diederichs has been named as the City of Riverside’s new Human Resources Director. She replaces Rhonda Strout, who retired earlier this month.

Diederichs, an attorney with more than 20 years of human resources experience, had been the City’s Assistant Human Resources Director since April.

“Brenda Diederichs brings an impressive background in human resources to a post that is essential to the City of Riverside remaining one of the best places to work in the region,” City Manager Scott Barber said. “I am confident that her education and experience will ensure continued excellence in our Human Resources Department.”

Diederichs, who supervised all the units in the Human Resources Department in her previous position as Assistant Director, also successfully negotiated labor contracts with Service Employees International Union and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers. Prior to that, she started with the City last year as a consultant assisting with labor negotiations.

“I have been impressed with the abilities and professionalism of the Human Resources Department since joining the team, and I look forward to leading such a talented group of people,” Diederichs said.

Diederichs provided employment and labor law services through the Law Office of Brenda L. Diederichs starting in 2006. Prior to that, she was the Executive Officer, Human Services, for the Los Angeles Metropolitan Transportation Authority, was a partner in two law firms and was the Personnel Director for the City of West Covina.

Diederichs received her Juris Doctor from Loyola Law School, where she was recognized with Moot Court Honors. She is a member of the California State Bar Association and the Los Angeles County Bar Association. Her annual salary is \$156,456.