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## **Chris Christopoulos Named Building Official in Riverside**

RIVERSIDE, Calif. – Chris Christopoulos, who has extensive experience in the construction industry and local government, is the City of Riverside’s new Building Official.

Christopoulos, who has spent the past nine years as Assistant Building Official in Bellflower, will begin work in the City of Riverside’s Building and Safety Division on March 2. He will report to Interim Community Development Director Emilio Ramirez. Both will work under Assistant City Manager Al Zelinka.

Christopoulos was selected because of his solutions-focused philosophy that emphasizes customer service, Zelinka said.

“Chris is both innovative and results-oriented,” Zelinka said. “He is known as an approachable, highly-responsive, motivated and hardworking Building and Safety professional.”

Christopoulos has multiple state and national certifications as a Building and Safety professional. He is an active member of the Los Angeles Basin of Building Officials and looks forward to working closely with the Inland Empire Basin of Building Officials, the building and real estate industries, community organizations, residents and business owners.

Christopoulos began his Building and Safety career in 2002 working for Cecil County, Maryland, as a building inspector. He earned a B.S. degree in Building Code Administration from Central Michigan University.

Christopoulos takes over the duties of Building Official from Paul Hamilton, Senior Plans Examiner, who served as Interim Building Official since the retirement of Dan Chudy last year.

Christopoulos’ salary will be 125,000.