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City of Riverside Names Kris Martinez, Carl Carey to Top Administrative Posts

Martinez will lead the Public Works Department; Carey will head up General Services

RIVERSIDE, Calif. – The City of Riverside has named Kris Martinez as its new Public Works Director and Carl Carey as General Services Director.

Both positions are essential to the continued delivery of high-quality municipal services to the residents and business owners of Riverside, City Manager John Russo said in making the appointments.

“Kris and Carl have performed admirably for several weeks as Interim Directors,” Russo said. “I am delighted to remove the word ‘Interim’ from their job titles and look forward to their continued contributions to the City of Riverside.”

Martinez became the City’s Interim Public Works Director after the retirement of Public Works Director Tom Boyd on Oct. 16. The Public Works Department performs a number of duties that directly impact the public, including refuse collection, street sweeping and street maintenance.

“From the appearance of our neighborhoods and business districts to the condition of our roads and streets, Public Works plays a major role in providing a high quality of life in Riverside,” Martinez said. “I look forward to building on the excellent work that has been done in our department.”

Martinez was appointed following a nationwide search spearheaded by executive search firm Ralph Andersen & Associates. She has served the City of Riverside for 21 years, including the previous 10 years as General Services Director. Under her leadership, the General Services Department contributed substantially to the success of the Riverside Renaissance by building or renovating a number of important city properties, including the Riverside Convention Center, Riverside Municipal Auditorium, Fox Entertainment Plaza, downtown Fire Station and other capital improvement projects.

Martinez also oversaw management of the Riverside Municipal Airport, publishing services, and all aspects of the City’s facilities and fleet. Under her direction, the City became a leader in green fleet

and alternative fuels programming, winning multiple recognitions from national organizations, including Top 50 Leading Fleets by Government Fleet Magazine (2015).

Carey has been Interim General Services Director for about a month, taking on those duties when Martinez became Interim Public Works Director. Prior to that, he spent about 18 months as the Assistant General Services Director, and was directly involved with the daily operations and administration of Building Services and Facility Maintenance, Capital Projects, Fleet, Publishing Services and the Riverside Municipal Airport.

Carey has been with the City of Riverside for 10 years, having started at the Development Department in 2005. While in the Development Department, he worked as Capital Improvements Manager and was deeply involved in numerous Renaissance projects, including fire and police stations, Emergency Operations Center, libraries, the Metropolitan Museum and the Fox Performing Arts Center.

Carey then spent three years in General Services, working closely with Martinez on several notable projects, including the Fox Entertainment Plaza, new downtown Fire Station, Municipal Auditorium, and the award-winning expansion and renovation of the Riverside Convention Center.

Martinez's salary will be \$204,324. Carey's will be \$156,444.