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Laguna Niguel City Council Expected to Appoint Tamara Letourneau as City Manager

Laguna Niguel, CA – On Tuesday, July 16, 2019, the City Council of Laguna Niguel is expected to name Tamara Letourneau as City Manager. This decision will conclude a nationwide executive recruitment search conducted by the City that resulted in attracting over 40 qualified applicants.

The City Manager implements the policies established by the City Council and has full management responsibility for all City services and activities. Tamara is uniquely poised to assume the top leadership position among City employees due to her demonstrated success in managing complex programs, extensive understanding of fiscal management, ability to manage large projects, and commitment to transparent government and continuous improvement.

Tamara Letourneau is currently the Assistant City Manager of Costa Mesa and has previously served as the City Manager of two Southern California cities. Through a combination of direct local government experience and consulting work, she has gained expertise in leading organizations to successfully complete high profile projects and deliver high quality day-to-day services. She has experience in financial management, economic development, strategic planning, teambuilding, labor relations, organizational effectiveness and streamlining, and contract negotiations.

“Tamara’s distinguished career having twice served as a City Manager and also as a local government consultant, as well as her talent for creating solutions will make her an outstanding City Manager for Laguna Niguel,” said Mayor John Mark Jennings. “We know that Tamara will continue our City’s tradition of high quality service and commitment to conservative financial policies.”

“I’m honored to be given the opportunity to serve as the City Manager for the City of Laguna Niguel,” said Tamara. “I look forward to partnering with the Mayor and City Council, City staff, and the community. Laguna Niguel offers an exceptional quality of life for its residents and businesses, and I am excited to be a part of securing a bright future for this vibrant and attractive community. ”

Tamara Letourneau received her Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from California State Polytechnic University, Pomona and a Masters degree in Public Administration from California State University, Long Beach. She is a Certified Credentialed City Manager by the International City/County Management Association and a recipient of the President’s Award and J. Michael Dutton Award from the Municipal Management Association of Southern California. She is an adjunct professor at her alma mater, California State Polytechnic University, Pomona as well as at the University of La Verne.

Upon formal City Council approval of her employment agreement at their July 16 meeting, Tamara is expected to take over the duties of City Manager on August 12.

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