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## Laguna Niguel City Manager Announces Resignation

**Laguna Niguel, CA** – Laguna Niguel City Manager Kristine Ridge has announced her resignation, effective April 26, to accept a new position as Santa Ana’s City Manager. Ms. Ridge indicated she was sought out by Santa Ana and after careful consideration, determined that accepting their offer is in the best interest of her family.

“It has been an honor to serve as the City Manager of Laguna Niguel; it is a community like no other and a municipal government that serves as a model to other similar California cities,” said Ms. Ridge.

Mayor Jennings said “Ms. Ridge will be missed and I am confident that Santa Ana will appreciate her experience, vision and passion to restore a bright future for our County seat. At Laguna Niguel we have a very talented executive team and will not miss a step at transitioning our organization with a new top administrator.”

Ridge accomplished many of the City Council goals during her tenure including appointing three executive level employees; transitioning a new City Attorney; developing a robust economic development plan to attract amenities desired by the community; and, overseeing major development activities such as construction of a new Community Center and major investment in infrastructure.

The Laguna Niguel City Council will discuss an interim transition plan and recruitment plans for a new city manager during a closed session on Wednesday, March 27<sup>th</sup>.

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