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Laguna Niguel City Council Unanimously Selects Elaine Gennawey as Mayor and Sandy Rains as Mayor Pro Tem

Laguna Niguel, CA – At the Tuesday, November 16, 2021, City Council Meeting, the Laguna Niguel City Council unanimously selected Elaine Gennawey to serve as the City's next Mayor and Sandy Rains as Mayor Pro Tem.



Mayor-Elect Gennawey was first elected to the City Council in 2014 and previously served as the Mayor of Laguna Niguel in 2018, when she was re-elected to a second term to the City Council. She most recently served as Mayor Pro Tem in 2020. "It is an honor to be selected as the Mayor of the remarkable City of Laguna Niguel. I look forward to working together with my City Council colleagues and with our City Manager to implement the best policies that prioritize public safety, fiscal conservatism, and high quality of life. Post-pandemic, we have many exciting programs and activities to premiere or bring back to our residents, and I am confident they will thoroughly enjoy and be enriched by them. I pledge to continue making decisions that are in the best interest of all residents, from our very youngest to our most senior. I am honored to serve as a leader in this wonderful City and am excited to bring to fruition the many goals and initiatives that we have planned for 2022," said Mayor-Elect Gennawey.

Mayor Pro Tem-Elect Rains was first appointed to the City Council in 2018 and was re-elected in 2020. "It is an honor to be selected as Mayor Pro Tem. I thank my Council colleagues for entrusting me in this role. I look forward to working with the Mayor and my Council colleagues to ensure that we continue to make smart and informed decisions on behalf of the residents of this great City," said Mayor Pro Tem-Elect Rains.

The City Council members also thanked outgoing Mayor Fred Minagar who proudly served with distinction during his term as Mayor. Minagar said, "I am extremely humbled and honored to have served as the mayor of our beautiful City of Laguna Niguel. It is truly a great honor to have the opportunity to give back to you through my public service. I thank my City Council colleagues, City staff, and community members for the tremendous progress we made together over this past year."

Mayor-Elect Gennawey and Mayor Pro Tem-Elect Rains will both provide formal remarks during the upcoming December 7, 2021 City Council meeting. Outgoing Mayor Fred Minagar will also be formally thanked during this meeting.