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# City of La Mesa Welcomes Lynnette Santos as New Director of Community Development

*CITY INVITES COMMUNITY TO MEET-AND-GREET WITH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICIALS*

LA MESA, CA – The City of La Mesa has selected Lynnette Santos as the new Director of Community Development. With broad experience in both county and municipal roles, Santos brings a unique blend of expertise to the City's leadership team.

**“As the newly appointed Director of Community Development for the City of La Mesa, Lynnette assumes a central position in advancing our City's development endeavors and promoting sustainable growth within our community,”** City Manager Greg Humora said. **“We are excited to welcome her to the team and look forward to the contributions she will bring to the City's ongoing advancement.”**

Previously serving as the Chief of Departmental Operations in the Planning and Development Services Department at the County of San Diego, Santos oversaw the long-range planning division. Her responsibilities included working on a wide range of critical issues, such as housing, community planning, general plan amendments and zoning ordinance updates, environmental reviews, transportation, and development of the County of San Diego's Socially Equitable Cannabis Program. Her tenure at the County has been marked by a dedication to improving the quality of life for residents through comprehensive planning and development strategies.

**“I’m thrilled to have been selected as the City’s Director of Community Development,”** Lynnette Santos said. **“My background and commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion positions me well to drive innovation and community advancement in this role.”**

Before her tenure at the County, Santos dedicated almost 20 years to the City of Chula Vista, where she held various key positions, in both current planning and long-range planning. As a division manager for Chula Vista’s Development Services Department, she oversaw complex current planning projects and was a Project Manager for the Chula Vista Bayfront. She also served as Chula Vista’s Cultural Arts Manager, and Historic Preservation Program Manager. Her diverse roles have afforded her an extensive understanding of municipal planning and community development, including ministerial and discretionary permit processing, environmental review, code compliance, and cultural resource management. Santos holds a Bachelor’s degree in Political Science from UC San Diego and a Master’s degree in City Planning from San Diego State University.

The City is planning a Community Development open house with Santos and the City’s new Building Official, Robert Fisher. Residents and community members are welcome to attend.

**Event Details:**

**When: Tuesday, Oct. 17, 2023 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.**

**Where: La Mesa Police Department Community Room, 8085 University Ave.**



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