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City of Riverside Names Patricia Link Building Official

Seasoned professional has 22 years of experience in building department administration.

RIVERSIDE, Calif. – The City of Riverside has named Patricia Link to the position of Building Official.

Link has more than 22 years of experience in building department administration including permit processing, plan check and inspection services. She has spent the past four years as the Assistant Building Official in Riverside, including a recent 10-month assignment as Acting Building Official.

Link previously served as the Building Safety Manager for the City of Fullerton and Permit Services Supervisor for the City of Santa Ana for a total of eight years. She began her public sector career working for the City of Corona for more than 10 years as a Permit Technician, then advancing to the position of Building Inspector.

“I am honored to be selected for this important role,” Link said. “I look forward to putting my experience and passion to work for the residents and business community in Riverside, my hometown.”

Link holds multiple state and national code certifications including Building Official from the International Code Council and is an active member of California Building Officials (CALBO) serving on the Membership and Outreach Committee to enable workforce development and growth industry-wide. More recently, she successfully completed the CALBO Building Officials Leadership Academy (BOLA).

Notable projects Link has led include: One Stop Shop and virtual permitting software implementations in Santa Ana, Fullerton, and Riverside; facilitating large-scale residential mixed-use development projects in downtown Santa Ana including Prisma, The Marke and One Broadway; various restaurant revitalization projects in downtown Fullerton; and Main & Ninth and the Mark in Riverside.

“Tricia is an incredible leader and thoughtful practitioner. Her goal is to help every project move through the building process efficiently and resolve any problems encountered quickly. She is an

industry leader with her approach to Code interpretation, implementation and streamlining efforts,” Community & Economic Development Director Jennifer Lilley said. “We are so fortunate to have her continue her career in her hometown of Riverside.”

Link also has extensive experience and success in delivering high quality customer-centric development services for large-scale agencies including Riverside. She understands the importance of ensuring a robust, high performing workforce, facilitating local investment, and bringing innovation and vision to this effort.

“As a recent graduate of the CALBO Leadership Academy and through her current leadership role in CALBO, Patricia Link has demonstrated her ability to represent the City’s interest statewide,” Assistant City Manager Rafael Guzman said. “Her experience as the acting building official only demonstrated what already was becoming evident: she is the most qualified person for this important job in our organization.”

Link received her Bachelor of Arts degree in History from California State University, San Bernardino, and holds a Certificate in Construction Technology from Norco College.

Born and raised in Riverside, Patricia is honored to work and serve in her own community where she and her family reside.