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City of Riverside Names Edward Enriquez Assistant City Manager and Kristie Thomas Finance Director

Moves ensures continued strong leadership on City finances

RIVERSIDE, Calif. – The City of Riverside has named Edward Enriquez an Assistant City Manager and Kristie Thomas as Finance Director.

The moves ensure continued strong management of the City’s finance and budget functions, City Manager Mike Futrell said, as well as provides strong support in the City Manager’s Office.

“Edward’s performance as Chief Financial Officer and service as Interim Assistant City Manager was exemplary,” Futrell said, “and he is the right person to lead our efforts to build and support a high performing city staff team. Simultaneously promoting Kristie to Finance Director ensures the city finances are in great hands. Both Edward and Kristie have my full confidence.”

Enriquez previously served as Interim Assistant City Manager for about a year, as well as Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer. He retains the two latter titles.

“I’m honored to be entrusted with such an important role in our organization,” Enriquez said. “My previous finance experience, as well as the time I have spent in this role on an interim basis, has prepared me well for the work ahead.”

In addition to his duties as an Assistant City Manager, Enriquez will oversee the Finance, Human Resources, General Services, and Innovation and Technology departments, leading the city’s efforts to improve internal operations and support the recruitment, training, career growth, and performance of the city staff team. Since coming to the City in 2012, he previously served as Assistant Chief Financial Officer, Controller and Assistant Controller.

Thomas has been Assistant CFO since 2020 and adds the title of Finance Director, reporting to Enriquez. Since Enriquez began working as an Interim Assistant City Manager about a year ago, Thomas has managed the day-to-day operations of the finance function, carried out the strategic vision for the department, and served as Acting CFO whenever Enriquez is out of the office.

Thomas has experience in several areas of the Finance Department, including in the Accounting, Budget, Purchasing, Risk Management, and Business Tax divisions. She guides the development of the citywide budget and represents the Finance Department in labor negotiations. She has played key roles in integrating technology with accounting and project management.

“Our city budget process has been open and transparent as we seek to fulfill the funding needs and desires of our community, as expressed by our elected officials,” Thomas said. “I look forward to continuing our strong record of service in this area.”