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Seal Beach Hires a New Community Development Director

SEAL BEACH, CA. – After an extensive search, the City has selected Les Johnson as the City's next Director of Community Development.

The Director of Community Development is responsible for the administration and operation of three divisions: Planning, Building and Safety and Code Enforcement. The Department is responsible for providing services that promote the community's short and long term development interests in maintaining Seal Beach's high standards of development in its residential, commercial and industrial areas.

Les Johnson has a professional career of more than 25 years in community development. A native of Washington State, Les graduated from Central Washington University in 1990. He served as Community Development Director for the City of Enumclaw, WA for more than a decade until moving to the California in 2005. Les spent ten years with the City of La Quinta where he served as Planning Manager and Community Development Director. Les joined the City of Indio in 2015 where he served as Development Services Director for three years. In 2018, Les assumed the role as Development Services Director for the City of Los Alamitos, where he has also served as Interim City Manager since August.

Les and his wife Nga have been married for 27 years and have three children. He loves spending time with his family, volunteering at church, being outdoors, and playing guitar.

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