

Experienced city planner named as new Planning and Sustainable Development Manager

Economic and Development Services Director Carrie Tai announced that she has appointed Martina Caron as the Department's new Planning and Sustainable Development Manager.

Caron will lead the current planning section of the Planning Division, to further the City's efforts in facilitating housing developments, supporting new and existing business endeavors, and assisting in improving customer service functions.

"The Department is thrilled that Martina has brought her experience and talent to the City of Costa Mesa, which will benefit the level of customer service we deliver to the residents and development community," Director Tai said.

Caron has nearly 18 years of experience in the planning and community development field and joins Costa Mesa from the City of Laguna Beach, where she most recently served as Principal Planner. A Laguna Beach native, she had been with the City since 2007 and brings a strong background in entitlement processing, environmental review, and community engagement.

"I'm honored to join the City of Costa Mesa as the Planning and Sustainable Development Manager. This is an exciting opportunity to support thoughtful growth, enhance community engagement, and help shape a vibrant future for the city. I look forward to working alongside a talented team to advance the City's planning goals and serve the Costa Mesa community."

Caron holds a Bachelor's degree in City and Regional Planning

from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo and a Master's degree in Public Administration from Cal State Fullerton. She also maintains certification with the American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP).