

Resolution of Commendation  
Garden Grove Assistant City Manager Maria Stipe

WHEREAS, Maria Stipe began her 26-year career with the City of Garden Grove on June 9, 1997 as an Administrative Analyst in the Public Works Department; was promoted to Senior Administrative Analyst in 2000, and to Principal Administrative Analyst in 2004; and

WHEREAS, In 2005, Maria became Assistant to the City Manager and Division Manager in 2008; in 2011, Maria was appointed Deputy City Manager and in 2019 ascended to Assistant City Manager; and

WHEREAS, During Maria's time in the City Manager's Office, she provided policy-oriented and administrative support to the City Manager and the City Council, assisting the City Council in establishing community goals and policies, and working with City departments to achieve departmental objectives; and

WHEREAS, Included in Maria's many accomplishments with the City are: serving on the Executive Budget Committee to eliminate the City's structural budget deficit; leading community education and outreach efforts related to the transition to District Elections and Measure O; serving as the Planning Chief for the City's Emergency Operations Center during the COVID-19 pandemic; assisting the City in advocating for over \$55 million in the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act and the American Rescue Plan Act funding; and

WHEREAS, Maria has been a long-time member of the International City/County Management Association, Orange County City Manager Association, and Women Leading Government. She also maintains a strong involvement in the Garden Grove community and presently serves on the executive board of the Garden Grove Rotary Club; and

WHEREAS, On Tuesday, September 26, 2023, the City of Garden Grove honors Assistant City Manager Maria Stipe with a Community Spotlight, in recognition of her retirement. Prior to her recognition, employees, colleagues, community members, elected officials, and family and friends gathered to wish her the best retirement has to offer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Garden Grove does hereby commend Assistant City Manager Maria Stipe for her venerable service and profound commitment to the City of Garden Grove, and wishes her countless fulfillment in her future years ahead.

September 26, 2023