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Mayor-elect Brown Announces New Leadership Appointments

SPOKANE — Mayor-elect Lisa Brown announced 9 more individuals who will fill leadership positions in her administration. Of the 9 individuals identified today, 7 will continue serving in their current roles.

Brown, who was sworn in Wednesday and will take office Jan. 2, has named the following individuals to leadership positions in her administration:

- **Erin Hut** as Director of Communications and Marketing
- **Steven MacDonald** as Director of Community and Economic Development
- **David Moss** as Director of Human Resources
- **Mike Sloon** as Interim Chief Innovation and Technology Officer
- **Sarah Nuss** as Director of Emergency Management
- **Alex Scott** as Chief of Staff
- **Jason Conley** as Interim Director of Parks and Recreation
- **Marlene Feist** as Director of Public Works

In addition, **Andrew Chanse** will continue to serve as Executive Director of Spokane Public Libraries and will sit on Mayor-elect Brown's cabinet. The Executive Director role is appointed by the Library Board of Trustees.

"Spokane deserves both new voices and steady management. The leadership team we are building will bring valuable expertise and fresh thinking to city government," said Brown. "I am proud and grateful to be assembling a diverse team of professionals dedicated to charting a better way for Spokane."

To date, 11 of the 14 leadership roles announced by Mayor-elect Brown are individuals currently working in city government. In the previous weeks, Mayor-elect Brown announced the selection of **Mike Piccolo** as City Attorney, **Garrett Jones** as Interim City Administrator, **Jerrall Haynes**

as Director of the Office of Civil Rights, Equity and Inclusion, **Justin Lundgren** as Interim Chief of Police, and **Maggie Yates** as Assistant City Administrator.

Background:

- Erin Hut joins the City of Spokane after a stint as a Communications Specialist with the Washington Senate Democratic Caucus. Her broadcast journalism roles prior to that included Director of Digital Integration and Special Projects at KXLY-TV, Assignment Editor at 9 News Denver, and Executive Producer at KREM 2 News.
- Steven MacDonald currently serves as Director of Community and Economic Development. He joined the City of Spokane in 2021 following 13 years with SDS Capital Group, where he led the organization's New Markets Tax Credit program. Prior to that, Steve worked in the LA Mayor's office on Economic Development issues.
- David Moss currently serves as Director of Human Resources. He joined the City of Spokane at the beginning of 2023. His human resources and labor relations experience includes Senior Director of Human Relations and Labor Relations at Smithfield Foods in Virginia, Deputy Chief of Human Resources at the New Jersey Transit Authority, and various private sector HR leadership roles.
- Mike Sloon has been with the City of Spokane since 2009 and has been the Interim Chief Innovation and Technology Officer since November 2021. Before joining the City of Spokane, Mike worked for Yakima County and for GTE Data Services.
- Sarah Nuss became Director of Emergency Management at the City of Spokane in 2020. Prior to that, she served as Emergency Management Coordinator for Valley Regional Fire Authority and South King Fire and Rescue in Auburn, WA, and as a Research Scientist/Engineer II at the University of Washington's Center for Collaborative Systems for Security, Safety, and Regional Resilience (CoSSaR).
- Alex Scott returns to the City of Spokane following 2.5 years as Special Assistant for Federal Policy and Funding at the Washington State Department of Commerce. Before that, Alex served for three years as Eastern Washington Director in the office of United States Senator Maria Cantwell. Alex holds a J.D. from Gonzaga University School of Law and has experience working for the Spokane City Council, the Washington State Democratic Central Committee, and as a legal intern with Washington State Senate Committee Services.

- Jason Conley returned to the City of Spokane as Executive Officer of the Parks and Recreation Department in 2014. He had previously spent 10 years with the Parks and Recreation Department, rising to the post of parks security supervisor when he left. In between, Jason was the security lead for Spokane Public Schools.
- Andrew Chanse has been the Executive Director at Spokane Public Library since 2013. Prior to that, he spent 6 years with the Maricopa County Library District.
- Marlene Feist has been Director of Public Works since April 2021. She has been with the City of Spokane for over 25 years, holding various roles in communications, strategic development, and leadership.

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