



Perris Press Release

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Perris Welcomes New Assistant Finance Director

New Perris assistant finance director Jennifer Erwin has been on the job for just a short time but she already feels the positive vibes from her staff, other municipal employees and the City's elected leaders. Erwin, who grew up in Beaumont, Texas, and graduated from college in California, joined the City after eight years as assistant controller with the Morongo Band of Mission Indians.

She said she likes the duties and responsibilities of her job—keeping track of City expenses and sources of revenues like grants, developer fees, property and sales tax receipts—and knowing that Perris long has been recognized for its commitment to top-notch financial management.

The City has for eight consecutive years has been honored by the Government Finance Officers Association with its Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting.

The award honors the City's commitment to go "above and beyond" the minimum requirements of accepted accounting principles to prepare comprehensive statements that showcase "the spirit of transparency and full disclosure."

Erwin said she knows receiving such accolades doesn't come easily but continue that string of excellence is a challenge she's willing to embrace.

"Knowing Perris has been recognized for its commitment to outstanding financial reporting for so many years is impressive," Erwin said. "It shows the City is transparent, open and honest in its financial accounting."

While introducing herself to her department colleagues and other Perris employees, Erwin said she's been impressed by the positive attitude they bring to their job and their commitment to the community.

"This is a positive environment," she said. "People bring a positive attitude work—and attitude is contagious."

She said she was also impressed by the professionalism and camaraderie exhibited by Perris Mayor Daryl Busch and his City Council colleagues. Erwin introduced herself to the Council at this week's meeting.

"I really enjoyed the meeting," she said. "It was inviting and comforting at the same time."

Erwin attended Cal State San Bernardino and received her bachelor's degree from the University of Phoenix. She later received her CPA credential and worked as an accountant in the private sector prior to working for the Morongo Indians. Erwin and her husband, Daniel, are the parents of a 3-year-old son, Caden. Away from the job, the family enjoys visiting the sand dunes around Glamis.



Perris Assistant Finance Director Jennifer Erwin worked for the Morongo Band of Mission Indians prior to joining the City.



Jennifer Erwin, the City of Perris new assistant finance director, introduces herself to the City Council at the Jan. 29 meeting.