



CITY OF OAKLAND

MEMORANDUM

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR &
CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Deanna J. Santana

SUBJECT: ACTING HUMAN RESOURCES
AND INFORMATION
TECHNOLOGY DIRECTORS

DATE: June 3, 2013

INFORMATION

I am pleased to announce the acting appointments of Katano Kasaine as Acting Human Resources Director and Ahsan Baig as Acting Information Technology Director. Ms. Kasaine and Mr. Baig will succeed Jim Reese, who graciously served as the Interim Human Resources and Information Technology Director.

Ms. Kasaine currently serves as City Treasurer and has worked for the City of Oakland since 1995. In her role, she is responsible for the overall management of the City's investment and debt portfolios as well the oversight of the City's payroll and retirement plan operations. Prior to this role, Ms. Kasaine held a variety of positions, including Assistant Treasury Manager, Investment Supervisor and Treasury Analyst. Through these experiences, Ms. Kasaine has demonstrated her ability to oversee and manage critical administrative municipal functions. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration from Dominican University and a Master of Public Health from Loma Linda University. Ms. Kasaine's familiarity with the City's complex payroll and retirement plans makes for an easy transition to service in an acting capacity.

Mr. Baig currently as the Division Manager for Public Safety Systems in IT and has worked for the City of Oakland since 2003. In his role, he is responsible for the operation of the City's Public Safety technology infrastructure systems, closely working with both the Police and Fire Departments on the development, deployment, maintenance and support of these systems. Prior to this role, Mr. Baig served as the Division Manager for IT's Program Strategy Division. He also holds prior experience with various private sector companies, including Parsons Brinckerhoff/Farradyne, Inc., Metatv, Inc., Worldgate Communications, Inc., KPMG, LLP., Worldcom, and Raytheon Engineers & Constructors. He holds a Bachelor of Science and Master of Science in Physics from University of Karachi in Pakistan, as well as a Master of Science in Electrical Engineering from the City College of New York.

I am confident that both Ms. Kasaine and Mr. Baig have the skills and experience to ensure a smooth transition of leadership while the City continues to undergo a recruitment process for each position. Please join me in congratulating both Katano and Ahsan on their respective acting appointments. As permanent candidates are selected, I will be sure to share this news.

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Respectfully submitted,

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