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City of Gold Beach Names Dr. Annette Padilla as City Administrator

GOLD BEACH, Oregon — The City of Gold Beach has selected Dr. Annette Padilla as its next city administrator following a nationwide search for an experienced and innovative municipal leader.

Padilla brings more than 20 years of experience across city, county, state, federal and tribal governments. She holds a PhD in Public Policy and Administration, a Master of Public Health, and a certificate in Scientist MBA leadership.

She has advised or worked with more than 20 municipal organizations nationally and internationally, with expertise in strategic planning, budgeting, project management, and intergovernmental relations. Her career includes overseeing contracts and grants exceeding \$300 million and managing multimillion-dollar budgets. Her policy experience spans land use, housing and homelessness, economic development, transportation and water management. She also has an understanding of Oregon's Urban Growth Boundary laws and community development planning.

“Dr. Padilla’s blend of experience, education and approachability made her the clear choice to lead our city administration,” said Mayor Tamie Kaufman. “Her career reflects a strong commitment to ethical governance, equity, and innovation. We’re thrilled to welcome her to Gold Beach.”

“With unprecedented fiscal challenges and the evolving landscape of public administration, it is with great anticipation that the City of Gold beach can expect to refine and flourish with the unique leadership of Dr. Padilla” said Councilor Summer Matteson.

Padilla most recently served as Interim Town Manager in Millinocket, Maine, and as a departmental director and consultant for the Town of Guadalupe, Arizona, where she enhanced service delivery, improved financial stewardship, secured federal and tribal funding, and led homeless outreach efforts. She is also the founder of Padilla Consulting/Problem Solving Doctors, which has supported 13 U.S. federal agencies and numerous tribal and local governments.

She is a certified project manager with credentials in data science, economic development and municipal software. Padilla is a manager in transition with the International City/County Management Association and the Arizona City/County Management Association. She also belongs to several national organizations, including the American Association of Municipal Executives, International Network of Asian Public Administrators and Women Leading Government. She previously served on the board of the Arizona Chapter of Women Leading Government where she was a speaker at their last two conferences as well as engagement on topics of finance and Artificial Intelligence (AI) with the Central Arizona Chapter of the National Forum for Black Public Administrators.

“I am both honored and excited to join the City of Gold Beach at such a pivotal time,” Padilla said. “I look forward to working with the mayor, city council, staff and community to support thoughtful growth, strong public services, and a culture of transparency, respect efficiency, and results.”

Dr. Padilla will begin her new role on May 1. A welcome reception open to the public will be announced in the coming days.

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