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Tamara Letourneau, Assistant Chief Executive Officer, City of Costa Mesa, has over 29 years of extensive local government experience in six communities, including serving as a city manager in Yorba Linda and Sierra Madre, California. She also served the cities of Claremont, Arcadia, and Monrovia, California, in a variety of increasing responsible positions. Her background also includes experience in organizational development, team building, and strategic planning as well as functional responsibilities that include operating and capital budgeting, human resources/risk management, labor relations, and intergovernmental relations. Most recently, she was a Senior Manager with the consulting firm Management Partners prior to joining the City of Costa Mesa in early 2014.

Tamara is an adjunct professor at California State Polytechnic University Pomona and the University of La Verne and has been a frequent speaker at workshops and conferences about local government issues. She is also the Co-Chair of the Cal-ICMA Ethics Committee. Tamara is a founding member and current board member of Women Leading Government and the League of Women in Government. In 1999, Tamara received the J. Michael Dutton Award from the Municipal Management Assistants of Southern California for her contribution to local government.

She is the author of the article “The First 100 Days – A Checklist for the First 100 Days as a New City Manager,” which appeared in the May 2006 issue of *Public*

Management magazine. She is also a contributor to the book *Democracy at the Doorstep, Too!* by Mike Conduff and Melissa Byrne Vossmer.

Tamara graduated from California State Polytechnic University at Pomona with a bachelor's degree in business administration and a minor in public administration. She also holds a master's degree in public administration from California State University Long Beach.