

City announces arrival of new Recreation Manager Monique Villasenor

The Parks and Community Services Department announced the hiring of its new Recreation Manager, Monique Villasenor, who will oversee all recreation programs and facilities, including special events.

“Monique brings a wealth of experience and knowledge to the Parks and Community Services Department,” said Department Director Jason Minter. “Her passion for recreation will enhance the services our Department provides to the community. Please join me in welcoming Monique to the City of Costa Mesa!”

Villasenor comes to Costa Mesa by way of Lake Forest, where she served as a Senior Recreation Supervisor. She spent 14 years with Lake Forest working all types of programs from facility operations and budget, working on public outreach and marketing, and coordinated efforts with local community groups.

Her experience in Lake Forest included the management and oversight of the new 86-acre sports complex, which featured a 27,000 square foot recreation center. She also helped execute the opening of the new Civic Center Campus and Performing Arts Center.

“Parks and recreation is a true passion of mine,” Villasenor said. “I couldn’t imagine doing anything else and I’m lucky to be doing what I love here in Costa Mesa now.”

Villasenor has a Bachelor’s Degree in Recreation Administration from Cal State University Long Beach and is working towards her Master’s Degree in Public Policy and

Administration with an anticipated completion date in Fall 2021, also at CSULB.