



# City of Placentia Press Release

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## **PLACENTIA APPOINTS CHRIS TANIO AS PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR**

**PLACENTIA, CA** – City Administrator Damien R. Arrula has announced the appointment of Chris Tanio to serve as Director of Public Works for the City of Placentia. Before coming to Placentia, Mr. Tanio worked as a Principal Civil Engineer for the City of Huntington Beach and came to Placentia with over 14 years of experience in local government. Mr. Tanio has also served as Acting Public Works Director since April 2024.

"I am very grateful to serve as Placentia's Director of Public Works. This is an exciting opportunity to carry out the Department's goals to improve and maintain our community's infrastructure," said Public Works Director Chris Tanio. "I also look forward to fostering a collaborative environment for the Organization so that superior public services can be provided to our residents, businesses, and visitors."

Mr. Tanio began his career as an Engineering Intern in 2010 at the City of Brea. In 2011, he then went to work for a soils and environmental engineering firm, Langan Engineering, performing field and office work for sites with contaminated soil and groundwater. From 2013 to 2018, he worked for Charles Abbott Associates, providing contract city engineering services exclusively for the City of Aliso Viejo as an Assistant City Engineer. His duties included land development, managing capital improvement program (CIP) projects, and overseeing various maintenance contracts, including traffic, landscaping, and streets.

On behalf of the Placentia City Council, we are happy to welcome Chris Tanio as our newly appointed Public Works Director," said Mayor Jeremy B. Yamaguchi. "The role of Public Works Director is vital in accomplishing the current and future goals of our community. Chris's expertise and dedication make him an ideal leader to ensure our city's infrastructure and services continue to excel."

In 2018, he joined the City of San Clemente as an Associate Civil Engineer managing over \$10M of CIP projects, which included street, park, and facility improvements. Mr. Tanio then took on a leadership role from 2021-2023 and worked with the City of Huntington Beach as a Principal Civil Engineer overseeing the Engineering design section consisting of 4 full-time staff and was also responsible for delivering the City's Capital Improvement Program. In fall 2023, he joined the City of Placentia as the Deputy Director of Public Works/City Engineer. He led the Engineering Division, consisting of 4 full-time staff to deliver the City's CIP projects, land development, and NPDES program.

Mr. Tanio received his Bachelor of Science degree from Cal-State Fullerton in 2007 and his Master of Science Degree in Civil Engineering from Cal-State Fullerton in 2011. He received his Professional Civil Engineer License through the California Board of Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, and Geologists. He also received the Certified Public Works Professional Management (CPWP-M) certificate through the American Public Works Association (APWA).

"With his strong background and experience, Mr. Tanio is an excellent addition to our team," said City Administrator Damien R. Arrula. "His customer service attitude and collaborative nature will undoubtedly allow us to continue providing exemplary service to our community, the City Council, and our City departments that rely upon Public Works for fulfilling their missions."

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