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## **GLENDALE SET TO NAME NEW CITY MANAGER** *Kevin Phelps to Assume Top Management Role*

**GLENDALE, Ariz.** – The city of Glendale announced today that it is in the final stages of selecting Kevin Phelps as its new City Manager. The Council is set to formally confirm Phelps' appointment during its regularly scheduled meeting next Tuesday, Nov. 24. Pending that confirmation, Phelps will begin work in Glendale on Feb. 1, 2016.

After an extensive nationwide search and rigorous interview process, Phelps was chosen from a field of six exemplary finalists. For the past six years, Phelps has been the highest-ranking appointed official in Pierce County, Washington, an area that includes greater Tacoma and is that state's second-largest county. Phelps was previously a deputy auditor in the Washington State Auditor's Office and served for seven years as an elected councilmember for the city of Tacoma. Prior to his tenure in government, Phelps spent decades in the private sector as founder and managing general partner of the Landmark Convention Center, also in Tacoma.

Glendale Mayor Jerry Weiers said, "I've enjoyed getting to know Kevin in this process and I'm extremely excited to have him join our team as our new City Manager. His leadership with a large region like the Pierce County area, as well as his business experience at the convention center in Tacoma, is going to be a great fit for Glendale." Mayor Weiers added, "Glendale is headed in the right direction, and this is a critical leadership position at a pivotal time for our city. I have the utmost confidence in Kevin's abilities to keep the positive momentum going."

Mr. Phelps said he is delighted by the appointment and ready to get to work. “I am incredibly excited to serve the citizens, Council and employees of Glendale. I look forward to bringing my 30-plus years of private sector experience and 18 years of government sector experience to the city,” said Phelps, adding, “My wife and I absolutely love Glendale and are excited to make it our home. I am grateful for this incredible opportunity in this fantastic city.”

As City Manager, Phelps will be responsible for the day-to-day operation of the city, and is tasked with implementing the policy and decisions of the City Council. He will oversee a citywide operating and capital budget of \$632 million with more than 1,700 full-time employees. Interim City Manager Dick Bowers will continue to serve in that role until Phelps assumes his new duties in February.

Phelps studied journalism at Washington State University and holds a degree in Business Management from Western Governor’s University.

For more information about the city of Glendale, please visit [www.glendaleaz.com](http://www.glendaleaz.com).

*Photo caption: Kevin Phelps, newly selected City Manager for the City of Glendale, Arizona.*

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