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Peter Naghavi named interim assistant chief executive officer for Costa Mesa

COSTA MESA, CALIF.—Director of Public Services Peter Naghavi has been named the City of Costa Mesa's interim assistant chief executive officer and City Engineer Ernest Munoz has been promoted to interim public services director.

The appointments, effective today, are expected to continue for several months until a permanent assistant chief executive officer is hired.

Naghavi, a 21-year employee of Costa Mesa, served as director of the Transportation Department for Somerville, Mass before being recruited by the City of Costa Mesa in 1990 to serve as the City's transportation manager. He was promoted to the director of the Public Service Department in 2007. As acting assistant chief executive officer, Naghavi will help run the City's daily operations and take on special assignments.

Munoz, who has previously worked for the City of Cypress, came to Costa Mesa in 1993 as the city engineer. In his temporary assignment, he will run the Public Service Department, which includes the City's Administration, Transportation, Engineering, Maintenance, and Parks and Recreation divisions.

City Chief Executive Officer Tom Hatch made the appointments after an initial search for a permanent assistant chief executive officer didn't produce the perfect candidate. Another search is underway.

"We are fortunate that throughout our organization, we have people willing and able to step up and help in any way they can," Hatch said. "Peter and Ernesto will help us get through the next couple of months without missing a step."