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## **Salem Selects Economic Development Manager**

**Salem, Ore.** – The City of Salem’s Urban Development Department is happy to announce the promotion of Annie Gorski to serve as the City’s Economic Development Manager. Ms. Gorski will be responsible for overseeing the City’s economic-development activities, including business outreach, retention/expansion, recruitment, and management of the City’s West Salem, Mill Creek, North Gateway, Fairview, and McGilchrist urban renewal areas. The City’s Economic Development Manager is also responsible for regional economic-development relationships and the City’s partnership with Salem’s Strategic Economic Development Corporation (SEDCOR).

Urban Development Director, Kristin Retherford, states, "I am very excited to have Annie in this position. She has worked for over a year in this role in an interim capacity and has been very successful in launching a new small business outreach program and facilitating local business expansions. She has been with the City’s Urban Development Department leading urban renewal projects for over nine years and brings tremendous experience to this new role."

Ms. Gorski has a master’s degree in Community Development and Planning from Clark University and a bachelor’s degree in Environmental Science and Policy from the University of Kansas. Prior to working for the City of Salem, she worked for Investar Redevelopment, the Americorps VISTA program, and the Peace Corps where she served as an environmental educator.

Si necesita ayuda para comprender esta información, por favor llame 503-588-6178.

*The City of Salem’s Urban Development Department is committed to enhancing community prosperity through an array of programs in its four major service areas: Real Property Services, Housing and Social Services, Economic Development and Downtown Revitalization. The Urban Development Department: manages City’s Urban Renewal Areas (URAs) and redevelopment projects within the URAs; administers federally funded block grant and housing programs; provides loans and grants to eligible businesses, homeowners, and renters; and manages leases, acquires, and sells properties for the City.*

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