

# City of Vacaville

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## **MAUREEN CARSON NAMED DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

Maureen Carson has been named Director of Community Development for the City of Vacaville, officially replacing the retired Scott Sexton.

Carson was named Interim Director of Community Development after Sexton retired in April 2009 and has served in that capacity ever since.

"I'm looking forward to leading the Community Development Department," Carson said. "Having worked in the City of Vacaville for the last 26 years, I know the City well and want to use that knowledge and my experience to keep us moving forward."

Carson began her career in Southern California as a Planning Intern for the City of Anaheim, and then as Planning Technician for the City of Norwalk. She was hired as an entry-level Assistant Planner with the City of Vacaville Community Development's Planning Division in 1983. Since then she has moved up through the ranks in the Planning Division from Assistant Planner to Associate Planner, Senior Planner and City Planner.

"We're pleased that Maureen is taking over on a permanent basis as the City's Director of Community Development," said City Manager Laura Kuhn. "Her overall experience, as well as her knowledge of the City of Vacaville, makes her a valuable asset to our organization and for the residents of our city."

Carson said seeing ideas become reality during her time at the City of Vacaville has been rewarding on a personal and professional level.

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“I helped craft policy to establish the Vacaville-Dixon Greenbelt and years later saw that policy become a reality with a permanent agricultural buffer between the two cities,” Carson said. “Preserving community identity is important for me personally because I grew up in a suburban area where the change in color of the street signs is the only way one knows when you are leaving one city and entering another.”

Other highlights include serving as Project Manager for the City’s last comprehensive General Plan Update in 1990 (Carson will oversee the upcoming General Plan Update); and working on policy plans for several business park areas which remained as vacant land for years but are now home to major employers such as Genentech and Kaiser.

Carson’s first day as Director of Community Development will be October 1, 2009.

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