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WHITTIER HIRES NEW PRCS DIRECTOR

Greg Alaniz will be the City of Whittier's new Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Services beginning December 7, replacing Fran Shields, who is retiring after 42 years of service.

Alaniz has been in the recreation profession for 28 years, starting as a recreation leader for the City of Montebello. He comes to the Director post from his current assignment as the City of Whittier's Community Services Manager, where he manages youth services, special events, aquatics, contracted classes, facilities, and Whittier Center Theatre. He has worked closely with a number of City commissions and foundations since he began his career in Whittier in 2001 as a Youth Services Supervisor.

Alaniz taught at Montebello Unified School District as a Recreation ROP instructor for 15 years before he hung up his dry eraser this past February.

"I am both honored and humbled to be appointed as the new Director", Alaniz said. "We have a great team in the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department and I look forward to continuing to offer the very best programs, projects, and services. I want to ensure our parks continue the tradition of being inviting, exciting and more importantly, a place where families can gather, meet, play, and strengthen relationships, which in turn strengthens our community."

Alaniz is the race director for the Annual Whittier "Spooktacular" 5K Run/Walk hosted by the Whittier Community Foundation and played a crucial role in the development of the City and Whittier City School District sponsored "Students Run Whittier" program. He is an avid runner/triathlete and has completed the grueling Ironman Triathlon.

Alaniz is married to Martha Alaniz. They have five children—one in the Coast Guard, two in college, one employed by L.A. County, and an adorable 9 year old. Alaniz and his family are avid campers and regularly hike in Yosemite.

Alaniz holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Organizational Leadership from Azusa Pacific University and a Vocational Teaching Credential from the State of California in Recreation. He is a member of the California Parks and Recreation Society and is a member of the Southern California Municipal Athletic Federation.

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