

Brian Saeki was named the City of Whittier's eighth City Manager, effective December 9, 2019. His public sector career spans more than 25 years with the cities of Arcadia, Chino Hills, Downey, and Rosemead, and he previously served as the City Manager in Covina and San Fernando.

Since his appointment, Brian has led the City to opening a comprehensive homeless navigation center; addressing critical staffing needs in the Whittier Police Department; and establishing a Council-driven 5-year strategic plan inclusive of goals and objectives that enhance public safety, fiscal sustainability, and quality of life in Whittier. Brian's leadership during the COVID-19 pandemic included administering two successful grant programs, establishing the Greenleaf Promenade for outdoor dining, and implementing local purchasing policies which earned Whittier the 2021 Helen Putnam Award for Excellence from the League of California Cities. Other notable projects include completion of the Whittier Public Library renovation and a 2.1-mile east extension of the Greenway Trail; currently underway are the development of a multi-purpose sports facility and additional youth sports fields.

Brian holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Urban and Regional Planning from Cal Poly Pomona and a Master's in Public Administration from Cal State Northridge. His professional involvement includes membership in the International City/County Management Association (ICMA) and California City Management Foundation (CCMF). Away from work, Brian enjoys spending time with his wife and children, playing basketball and improving his golf game.