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## **David Weidler to Succeed Georgia Ragland as Assistant CAO for the City of Kirkwood**

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**Kirkwood, Missouri:** The City of Kirkwood is proud to announce that David C. Weidler will become the City's next Assistant Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) effective April 5, 2021. Long-time Assistant CAO Georgia Ragland is retiring after 22 years with the City. "As Director of Procurement, David has worked with all of our departments and knows the organization inside and out. He is very capable and I know this transition will be seamless", said Russ Hawes, Chief Administrative Officer.

David Weidler joined the City in 2010 after graduating from the University of Missouri - St. Louis (UMSL) with a degree in Business Administration and worked as a Buyer and then Assistant Director of Procurement until his appointment in 2014 as Director of Procurement. In May he is set to receive his Master's degree in Public Policy, also from UMSL.

Weidler has numerous procurement certifications, has served on the civilian employee pension board, and is a member of the International City/County Management Association. As Assistant CAO, Weidler will oversee several internal City functions including communication, administration, information services, procurement, safety, fleet services, and human resources. The position also serves as the staff liaison to the Urban Forestry Commission and the City's pension boards. "The position of CAO is an integral role in the operations of the City, and I am honored to be provided the opportunity to bring my experience from an operational and procurement perspective into the position. I look forward to continuing to serve the residents of Kirkwood in this new role," said Weidler.

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