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PRESS RELEASE

New City Clerk, Terri Berry, Has High Regard for Sumner

Sumner, WA—Since mid-June, Terri Berry has taken on the role of City Clerk for the City of Sumner. Serving within the Administration Department, Berry's position is unique in that it works closely with all members of the City, including the Mayor, City Administrator, the City Council, departments, citizens and other officials.

Berry began her career in municipal government as a 911 dispatcher for the City of SeaTac. Now a Certified Municipal Clerk, Berry comes to Sumner from the neighboring City of Edgewood where she also served as City Clerk/Information Systems Manager.

As Sumner's City Clerk, Berry handles a variety of responsibilities that include overseeing the preparation, publication, and codification of City ordinances; filing of legal notices; officiating at bid openings; serving as custodian of official City records; attending and recording City Council meetings; and preparing Council packets for distribution.

"Terri's role here is critical," said City Administrator John Doan. "She's the one who keeps us on track—whether by recording the Council meeting minutes or making sure the Mayor is where he needs to be for his next appointment. We had lots of great candidates for this position, but Terri just stood out."

Berry said, "I came to the City of Sumner because of its reputation, particularly in regard to how highly the staff is valued and respected by the administration and how the staff supports and treats one another. In my short time here, I am finding myself bragging about Sumner just like other staff members. This place is truly exceptional and I hope to stay for some time!"

The role of City Clerk was previously filled by Susan Clary, who retired after many years of service. Outside of work, Berry refers to her family as a "rock" solid family with their heavy metal band, Open Rebuke, being recently recognized as a top finalist in an international music competition.

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