

Spotlight on One of our Own!

Kristina Ramirez, PE's Role in Harker Heights, Texas



In her new role, Kristina Ramirez, PE, will be the first City Engineer. She has served as the city's planning director since November 2020 and has been with the city of Harker Heights for nearly five years.

Kristina has been associated with the public works profession for over 30 years.

Ramirez has over 16 years of Municipal Government experience, is a Texas Certified Public Manager, a Certified Floodplain Manager and a Texas Registered Professional Engineer

She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from Texas A&M University.

City Manager David Mitchell had this to say about Mrs. Ramirez: "The City of Harker Heights is fortunate to have Kristina Ramirez on our team. She brings extensive municipal institutional knowledge of our infrastructure and is familiar with our community. Her strong attention to detail will be critical to our ongoing efforts to maintain and improve public infrastructure in the City of Harker Heights. We are

extremely fortunate to have Kristina as a part of our leadership team."

"I am honored to have the opportunity to become the City of Harker Heights' first City Engineer," Ramirez said. "I am committed to leveraging my experience to enhance our city's infrastructure and to work collaboratively with our community to achieve our goals."

New APWA Region VII Director

Earlier this year, the American Public Works Association (APWA) announced it was receiving nominations to fill the vacating position of Region VII Director. David Fabiano, PE's term of service as Region VII Director was expiring in 2024.

The Texas Chapter of APWA submitted a letter of nomination unanimously supporting Kristina's nomination to fulfill this role. The Chapter believed Kristina would be the best candidate to take on this role at the national level and would represent not only the Texas Chapter but the other Chapters within the Region; Oklahoma, New Mexico and Arizona.

Kristina is highly respected in her community of Harker Heights, Texas, often participating in community events and highlighting the volunteers and benefits. She is a solid professional with an ethical character. Kristina recently received

the City of Harker Heights Certificate of Special Recognition as the 2023 Environmental Ambassador thanking her for her dedication and commitment to building sustainable communities.

Notably, Kristina's track record of commitment at the local branch, state board and national levels to APWA, is synonymous in defining the organization's values. Her commitment to service and participation in the many activities only scratches the surface of her dedication and support which focuses on the growth of the association.

With this nomination and the support of the Texas Chapter, APWA announced Kristina's selection as the Region VII Director in June 2024.

Kristina took on the new role at the 2024 PWX in September in Atlanta, GA.

Kristina has been associated with the public works profession for over 30 years. Kristina has amassed a wide array of commitments and logged many hours of service:

Local Branch of the Texas Chapter:

Past Presidents Committee 2021-present; Public Works Emergency Response Committee 2020-2023; Advocacy Ambassador 2020; Board - TML Representative 2016, 2017, 2020, 2021; Local Planning Committee Chair for Annual State Conference 2015, 2019, 2023; Public Works Institute of Texas Instructor 2014-Present

State Board, Texas Chapter - Past President 2016; Board -President 2015; Board - President Elect 2014; Board - Vice President 2013; Board - Secretary 2012; Board - Treasurer 2011; Board - Trustee 2010; Board - Branch Representative 2009; Membership Committee Co-Chair 2008-2010; Technology & Sustainability (Younger Member) Task Force Member 2010 & 2011

APWA National: Council of Chapters Delegate 2023-present; Council of

Chapters Alternate Delegate 2022; Regional Nominating Committee 2022; FEMA National Qualification System (Resource Typing) APWA Team member - 2020; Water Resource Management Committee Knowledge Member 2019-present; APWA Trending Technologies Subcommittee 2019-present; Contributing Author - Stormwater Management Manual - published 2020; Contributing Author - Financing Stormwater Utilities 2nd Edition - published 2020; Emerging Leaders Interviewee 2019/2020; APWA representative to **NAFSMA** (National Association of Flood and Stormwater Management Agencies) 2018; Water Resource Management Committee Chair 2018; Water Resource Management Committee Member 2015-2018; International Hispanic Network Panel Member 2016; San Antonio Congress Local Planning Committee Younger Member Committee Chair 2007; San Antonio Congress Local Planning Committee Legacy Committee Chair 2007

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