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City of Kirkwood Appoints Darren Lamb as Chief Administrative Officer

KIRKWOOD, MO (April 29, 2026) – The Kirkwood City Council is excited to announce the appointment of Darren Lamb as the City's next Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) following a comprehensive search process with a resolution on the May 7th, 2026 City Council Meeting Agenda.

Mr. Lamb brings nearly three decades of local government experience, having served the City of Washington, Missouri since 1998, including as City Administrator since 2017. His leadership approach emphasizes collaboration, accountability, and supporting professional staff to deliver high-quality services to the community.

The Chief Administrative Officer serves as the City's chief administrative leader, responsible for overseeing daily operations, implementing City Council priorities, and ensuring effective delivery of City services.

Mr. Lamb's management philosophy centers on equipping department leaders with the tools, resources, and guidance needed to serve residents effectively. He has also placed a strong emphasis on mentoring emerging leaders, supporting professional growth within the organization. During his tenure in Washington, several members of the leadership team advanced to new opportunities across the region.

In addition to organizational leadership, Mr. Lamb has been involved in long-term community development efforts. Over the past 15 years, the City of Washington facilitated more than \$70 million in private investment in its downtown area, including new residential development and business expansion.

"Kirkwood is a community steeped in tradition, with a future defined by opportunity and thoughtful growth," said Lamb. "I look forward to working with the City Council, staff, and residents to continue delivering high-quality services and supporting the community's goals."

City officials noted that Mr. Lamb's leadership approach reflects the principles of professional management, ethical service, and accountability that guide local government.

City services and operations will continue without interruption during this leadership transition.

Mr. Lamb holds a bachelor's degree in political science from the University of Missouri and is member of the

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