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GLENDALE ANNOUNCES NEW ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

GLENDALE, Ariz. – After a national search, the city of Glendale has named Karen Thoreson as the city’s new Economic Development Director.

Most recently, Thoreson was the Assistant City Manager for the city of Tucson, responsible for Economic Development, the Tucson Convention Center, Tucson/Mexico Trade Office, Inter-Governmental Relations and activities of departments involved in Strategic Planning Initiatives, such as the "Rio Nuevo" project.

Most recently, Thoreson was a contract employee with Glendale and assisted the city with its recent announcement of the new AAA Corporate Center.

“Karen brings a wealth of experience to Glendale,” states City Manager Ed Beasley. “She has a good understanding of the region and supports the city’s can-do philosophy as it relates to the creation of appropriate, responsible and quality economic development in our city.”

Thoreson has a Bachelor of Elective Studies from the University of Minnesota and a Masters in Social Science, with an emphasis in Public Administration from the University of Northern Colorado.

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