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## **Paradise Valley Hires Andrew Ching as Town Manager**

*Experienced public sector executive starts on June 19*

**Paradise Valley (May 19, 2023)** — The Town of Paradise Valley has announced that, effective June 19, and pending Council approval, Andrew Ching will be the new Town Manager following the retirement of Jill Keimach from that position.

Ching was most recently City Manager of Tempe where he led the city through a period of unprecedented growth and development. He served in that role since 2013. Keimach will continue serving the Town as a special projects' administrator.

"Jill has been a truly exceptional and trusted leader for our community. She has set a very high standard, and we were determined to find an equally talented and dedicated Town Manager to continue our work in Paradise Valley," said Paradise Valley Mayor Jerry Bien-Willner. "Andrew is a top professional who meets all our requirements, and then some. I am very excited for him to join us, and I have every confidence that he will be a tremendous asset to our community as he works to advance the Town's values and initiatives."

Prior to his tenure as City Manager in Tempe, Ching served as City Attorney from 2006 to 2013. He has also worked in the Mesa City Prosecutor's office and as an associate in a local law firm.

"Paradise Valley is a unique community with a rich heritage – the Town Staff are focused on providing residents and visitors with exceptional service and professionalism," Ching said. "I'm excited for the opportunity to build on the legacy of excellence in Paradise Valley."

Ching helped bring to fruition a number of significant accomplishments during his tenure, including the permanent replacement of the downstream dams at Town Lake, the opening of the first modern streetcar system in the Valley, championing regional homelessness solutions, launching in-house medical transport (ambulance) service, working closely with Arizona State University to make the State Farm campus a reality, as well as the recent opening of the Omni Hotel and Conference Center, the first of its kind for Tempe.

"Andrew has an exceptional record of success in Tempe, and we're thrilled that he has decided to join our team in Paradise Valley," Vice Mayor Scott Moore said. "Andrew has the experience and expertise we need for our Town to continue to thrive."



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Ching was born in Tucson and raised in Tempe. He has been a Valley resident for nearly 50 years. He received a bachelor's degree from the University of Arizona in 1991 and earned a law degree from Arizona State University in 1994.

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