



# CITY OF LAS VEGAS

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## “INTERIM CITY MANAGER APPOINTED”

LAS VEGAS, NM – Ken Garcia, was appointed by Mayor Tony E. Marquez, Jr., as the Interim City Manager of the City of Las Vegas on Wednesday during the City Council Meeting. On a split vote, the governing body ratified the Mayor’s appointment on a 3-2 vote. Voting in support of Garcia were councilors Roybal and Madrid and breaking the tie was Mayor Marquez. Opposed were councilors Moore and Feldman.

Marquez said, “As we finalize the City's search for a City Manager, Garcia will hold the fort as he brings a wealth of administrative, utility and city government knowledge. Marquez said. "Garcia is well-rounded and has demonstrated that he can manage an organization and foster relationships with the end result in mind.”

During Garcia’s temporary appointment he will oversee 221+ employees and a \$40 million operating and Capital Improvement Budget.

"I'm excited and eager to work with staff to advance the vision of the Mayor and Council," Garcia, 43, said. "This appointment represents a powerful opportunity to grow professionally and to help the City continue to serve its citizens."

Garcia is a native of Las Vegas, New Mexico. He attended college at New Mexico Highlands University and the University of New Mexico where, he earned a bachelor's degree in both Biochemistry and Biology in 1991.

Before Las Vegas, Garcia worked three years as General Manager, President / CEO with Laguna Utility Authority; five years as Assistant Manager and Project Manager with Severn Trent Services a Utility Management firm based out of Houston, Texas; and seven years as a Supervisor and Manager with the City of Las Cruces.

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