

**City Council Regular Meeting
AGENDA ITEM**

NUMBER: 18

SUBJECT:

Appointment of Riezl Pe Benito as Chief of Staff. (Citywide) (For Possible Action; Recommendation – Ratify)

REQUESTED BY:

Wilson Edgell, Director of Human Resources

WARD:

(Citywide)

RECOMMENDATION OR RECOMMEND MOTION:

Ratify the Appointment of Riezl Pe Benito as Chief of Staff.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$128,749.92 + Benefits

Explanation: Promotion to Chief of Staff

ACCOUNT NUMBER:

00100-100131-400110

STAFF COMMENTS AND BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Salary: \$128,749.92 + Benefits

Appointment of Riezl Pe Benito as Chief of Staff

Service Date: 11/09/2020 Date Appointment: 6/26/2023

Riezl has over 20 years of government and legal experience. Born and raised in Davao City, Philippines, she obtained her law degree from Ateneo de Davao University, one of the top 5 Philippine law schools. While in law school, she worked as Legislative Researcher for the City Council. After graduation and passing the Bar Exams, Riezl worked for the Office of the President of the Philippines' legal team for the Southeast Asian Games Organizing Committee in Manila. She thereafter accepted an Associate position in a renowned litigation firm, and in 2007, returned to Davao City to open her own practice with 2 other partners. She specialized in Civil, Labor, and Election Laws.

Riezl immigrated to the US in 2012 to be with her husband, Allan, who grew up in Carson, California. She then joined the City of Carson as Council Deputy where she provided a wide-range of support services to the Mayor and Councilmembers, served as their representative at events, meetings, and boards, and led major community events and initiatives. Riezl was one of the recipients of the 2016 Extraordinary Citizens Awards by the 35th California Senate District, and named one of The Outstanding Pilipinos (TOP) in Los Angeles awardees in the same year.

In November 2020, Riezl joined the City of North Las Vegas as Council Liaison, then as Special Assistant to the Mayor and Council. In both capacities, she worked with City departments in resolving Ward issues, developed Council policies and office procedures, organized the State of the City and other community events, and

worked on Council's special projects.

CIP No.	Related Item:	
LIST CITY COUNCIL GOAL(S): Responsible Fiscal Management		
PREPARED BY:	Respectfully Submitted	MEETING DATE:
Wilson Edgell, Director of Human Resources	Ryann Juden, City Manager	August 2, 2023