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The City of Newport, Oregon has designated four finalists for the position of City Manager: David Benson, Robert Field, Gary Marks, and Nina Vetter.

The Newport community is invited to participate in facilitated roundtable group conversations with the finalists the evening of Tuesday, April 16<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm at Newport Performing Arts Center, 777 W Olive Street, Newport, OR 97365. Participants are asked to attend for the entire time period to be able to meet with all of the finalists. Please contact Emily Rehder at Jensen Strategies ([emily@jensenstrategies.com](mailto:emily@jensenstrategies.com)) for additional language or accessibility accommodations.



David Benson is the current Senior Managing Consultant for PFM Management and Budget Consulting. He previously served as Assistant Chief Recovery Officer for the City of Houston, TX; Assistant City Manager and Chief of Staff to the City Manager for the City of League City, TX; Chief Growth Officer for the KIPP Houston charter school network; and Chief of Staff for the Mayor and Director of Economic Development Corporation for the City of Pasadena, TX. Mr. Benson holds a Master of Public Administration degree from the University of Houston and a Bachelor's degree in American Studies from Yale University. Mr. Benson said of his candidacy, "I'm honored to be a finalist for Newport's city manager opening; as a native Oregonian who grew up spending time along the coast, and as someone who's devoted a career to helping local governments work better, it's hard to imagine a more appealing opportunity than this. I'm looking forward to meeting the City's elected leaders and staff, along with the constituents and stakeholders they serve, to learn more about how the community works together toward a more sustainable, resilient, and equitable Newport."

Robert Field most recently served as the City Manager for the City of San Bernardino, CA. He previously served as Assistant County Executive Officer, Assistant Director, Deputy Director, Principal Development Specialist, and Senior Development Specialist for the Riverside County Economic Development Agency and Director of Facilities Management for the County of Riverside. Mr. Field holds a Master of Leadership and Organizational Studies degree from California Baptist University and a Bachelor's degree in History from University of California, Riverside. Mr. Field said of his candidacy, "My family and I are excited that I have been selected as a finalist for the position of City Manager for the City of Newport and relocating to the Oregon coast, assuming I am selected. It would be great to have the opportunity to work with the Mayor and City Council on behalf of the people of Newport to make the city an even better place to reside, visit, and work."





Gary Marks is the current Public Works Director for the City of Dallas, OR. He previously served as City Manager for the City of Lebanon, OR; City Administrator for the City of Ketchum, ID; City Manager of Whitefish, MT; City Administrator for the City of North Bend, OR; and City Manager for the City of Heppner, OR. He also served as a City Councilor for the City of Tualatin, OR. Mr. Marks holds a Bachelor's degree in Human Resources Management from George Fox University. Mr. Marks said of his candidacy, "Newport is a wonderful community as well as a beautiful place and I feel very honored to be a finalist for the city manager position. I look forward to participating in the interview process and especially the opportunity to meet with community members, members of the staff team, and elected leaders."

Nina Vetter recently served as the City Manager for the City of Gresham, OR. She previously served as City Administrative Officer for the Pueblo West Metropolitan District in Colorado; Strategy, Performance, & Contract Compliance Manager and Senior Budget Management Analyst for the City of Colorado Springs, CO; and Financial & Administrative Services Associate for the USAID-State Department for the Country of Georgia. Ms. Vetter holds a Master of Public Administration degree from Northern Illinois University and a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration from George Washington University. Ms. Vetter said of her candidacy, "Newport is a beautiful community and I am excited to have been selected as a finalist for the City Manager position. I look forward to meeting with the public, staff, Council, and community leaders."

