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MAYOR RHODES-CONWAY ANNOUNCES THE HIRE OF FINAL DEPUTY MAYOR

Mayor Satya Rhodes Conway announced today the hire of Christie Baumel as her fifth and final Deputy Mayor.

Christie Baumel joins the Mayor's Office to assist with sustainability, planning, and climate resilience, including stormwater management. She brings a wealth of experience in urban sustainability and planning through both local government and non-profit roles. Most recently, Christie directed Building Energy programs for the Urban Sustainability Directors Network (USDN), where she advised and supported local government sustainability leaders on critical climate, energy, and equity issues. Prior to joining USDN, Christie served as Climate & Energy Advisor for the City of Seattle, developing programs and policies to reduce carbon pollution from the building sector. Christie has also worked as a local government land use planner, and she has worked on numerous community development and environmental protection programs. She has a Master's degree from the University of Washington in Urban Planning and a Bachelor's degree from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in Natural Resources.

"I am happy to welcome Christie to my team. Christie is an innovator and a collaborator. She sets her sights on ambitious goals and works with everybody involved to find the right solutions to reach those goals. I am confident she will bring the approach Madison needs to address challenging questions around Madison's response to climate change and ensuring all Madison residents live in healthy, thriving communities," said the Mayor.

Baumel's first day in the Mayor's office will be September 3. She joins Deputy Mayors Linda Vakunta, Leslie Orantia, Katie Crawley and Cam McLay, all previously hired to serve on Mayor Rhodes-Conway's team.

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