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Greetings Mayor and Council

Please see the note below from Sandra.

Best

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**From:** Singh, Sandra  
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**To:** City Leadership Team - DL  
**Subject:** Announcement: Sandra Gajic, Director of Civic Theatres

Dear colleagues,

It seems that the end of July is a time for announcements of life transitions.

It is with mixed feelings that I announce that Sandra Gajic, Director of Civic Theatres, will be leaving us. Sandra has accepted a position as the President and CEO of The Overture Centre for the Arts in Madison Wisconsin. The Overture Centre features seven state-of-the-art performance spaces and five galleries where national and international touring artists, ten resident companies and hundreds of local artists engage people in nearly 700,000 educational and artistic experiences each year. This is an exciting opportunity for Sandra and I hope you join me in wishing her the best in this next step in her career.

Sandra joined the City as the Director of Civic Theatres in June 2014. In her brief tenure with the City, she made remarkable strides, bringing our operations into line with financial best practices and industry standards. Under her leadership, the VCT almost doubled its revenue and increased utilization by 30%. She has put a focus on health and safety, providing outstanding programming for the community, and experimenting with new community partnerships. For the past year and a half, she led the development of the first phase of the Music Strategy, which was just presented to Council in July. In the brief time I have worked with Sandra, I have come to appreciate her dedication to the arts, her commitment to addressing challenges and leading change, and her deep expertise in the theatre business.

Sandra's last day in the office will be at the end of September. We will share details about an event to celebrate Sandra and wish her well in this next exciting step in her career shortly.

Sandra

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