

MICHELLE RIVERA

ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER

CITY OF MCALLEN, TEXAS

Michelle Rivera joined the City of McAllen in July 2014 as an Assistant City Manager following successful stints in the City of Mercedes as Assistant City Manager, and as Planning Director and Interim Assistant City Manager for the City of Harlingen. In her capacity she oversees all of the development services departments which include Engineering, Planning, Building Inspections, Environmental Health and Code Enforcement, Grants, and Strategic Planning. She also oversees the City Secretary, Vital Statistics, Passports and Tax Offices. Ms. Rivera has 27 years municipal experience in the three cities she has served overseeing nearly all aspects of community development and services.

She holds a Bachelor's of Environmental Planning from Arizona State University, and a Master's of Urban Planning from Texas A&M. Ms. Rivera is a Certified Public Manager and earned a national planning certification from the American Institute of Certified Planners. She is a member of the American Planning Association, Texas City Management Association previously serving as President of Region 10 and two terms as the region's State Board Representative, and is a member of the International City Management Association. Most recently she has become an ICMA credentialed manager.

As a long-time member of St. Paul Lutheran Church, she has previously taught youth Sunday school and served as a school board member for St. Paul Academy and led Girl Scout troops for over a decade. She has two daughters – one working on a doctorate of pharmacy and the other about to graduate high school.



JEFF JOHNSTON

ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER

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Jeff Johnston currently serves the City of McAllen as an Assistant City Manager, and as the city's Emergency Management Coordinator. Having served the city since 2014, Mr. Johnston oversees Public Works, McAllen Metro, and the 3-1-1 Call Center, as well as numerous internal departments including Human Resources, Employee Benefits, Risk Management, Purchasing, and Information Technology. He also supervises Emergency Management staff, as well as the staff of the Rio Grande Valley Regional Radio System.

Involved in public service for over 30 years, Mr. Johnston began his local government career as a part-time Emergency Medical Technician. His public safety background includes certifications and work in local and federal law enforcement, structural and wildland firefighting, emergency medicine, and emergency management.

Prior to arriving in McAllen, he served as the Vice President of the Brownsville, Texas Convention & Visitors Bureau before spending over 16 years at the City of Brownsville, in positions including Emergency Management Coordinator, Director of the Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security, and Assistant City Manager.

Mr. Johnston holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Parks and Recreation Administration from Texas A&M University, as well as a Certified Emergency Manager (CEM) certification through the International Association of Emergency Managers. Among numerous local, regional, and state boards and associations, Jeff has served on the Board of the Emergency Management Association of Texas (EMAT), and currently sits on the Texas Public Works Emergency Response Council, as well as Texas City Management Association (TCMA) Board of Directors, where he also serves on the TCMA Ethics Committee.

Mr. Johnston is an ordained Deacon and enjoys opportunities to serve others through his local church. He is married and has nine children and three grandchildren.

