

City of Avondale hires new Economic Development director

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The city of Avondale hired Kenneth Chapa as its new director of Economic Development Jan. 20. He fills the vacancy left by former Dan Davis, who retired in October.

Chapa previously worked for the city of Henderson, Nevada, Office of Economic Development. He was manager and interim director. During his tenure, he played a key role in the development of the first urban Unmanned Autonomous Systems (UAS) test site through a partnership between the city of Henderson, Nevada State College, Nevada Institute for Autonomous Studies and the Nevada Governor's Office of Economic Development.

He also contributed to Henderson's economic development rebranding,



Ken Chapa is Avondale's new director of Economic Development. (Photo courtesy city of Avondale)

sales and marketing strategy.

He returns to Arizona, having been a project manager for the city of Mesa's Economic Development Department, and vice president with the Arizona Commerce Authority.

"This is a time of tremendous growth for Avondale, with the city poised to attract new development in each of our key sectors – from the city's health tech corridor and corporate commerce areas identified

for manufacturing to the newly established sports and entertainment district known as The BLVD," said Charles Montoya, Avondale City Manager.

"Ken will lead Avondale's economic development team in working with the city's development and engineering services professionals to provide a top-notch customer experience for those seeking to do build and do business in Avondale."

Chapa has a bachelor of arts degree in Interdisciplinary Studies from Arizona State University and a master of business administration degree from Western Governor's University.

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