

**FEDERATION OF COMMUNITY COUNCILS**  
**Community Councils Center**

**Federation of Community Councils Announces New Executive Director**

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**Anchorage, AK**—The Federation of Community Councils (FCC) is thrilled to announce Arianna Bellizzi as its first Executive Director.

Bellizzi’s background managing a large, diverse cross-country team of professionals, administrating a \$1.5M budget, and building a successful project organization system across Alaska makes her the optimal fit for this position. Her experiences in the fast-paced broadcasting environment of BBC Studios honed her written and verbal communication skills and strengthened her ability to convey complex ideas succinctly and effectively.

“Ari’s unique background and experiences make her the ideal match for the first Executive Director of the FCC,” said Linda Chase, Vice President and Transition Committee Member. “She brings a passion for community building, a pledge to strengthening voices, creative problem-solving, and a commitment to successfully delivering projects to our organization.”

Bellizzi will be responsible for the overall strategic and operational responsibility of the day-to-day functions, including administrative, operations, finances, and program activities.

The FCC went through a period of transition in 2023, which allowed the Executive Board and the Transition Committee to evaluate the organization structure, identify services provided, and assess the gaps and opportunities for program operations.

The Transition Committee and Executive Board proposed a strategic reorganization with an Executive Director at the helm to focus on pursuing new and creative opportunities to strengthen sustainability, cultivate lasting partnerships, and champion the Community Councils. The new Director position will emphasize building community, work to expand membership, and inspire others to pursue a shared vision of maximum community involvement.

During the 2024 budget cycle, the Anchorage Assembly increased funding for the FCC to secure a dynamic new leader to guide the organization through this transformation.

The Transition Committee approached the hiring process focused on finding a candidate with creative problem-solving skills, management experience, meticulous attention to detail, a proven relationship-building track record, an ability to collaborate effectively with diverse groups, and an excellent communicator.

The Transition Committee received many applications from candidates for the Executive Director position, followed a rigorous and thorough process of reviewing and evaluating them, and held multiple stages of interviews with numerous well-qualified candidates. When it selected Bellizzi, the committee gave significant consideration to skills, experiences, and expertise to guide the FCC through this next phase of growth.

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Anchorage Municipal Charter

ARTICLE VIII. - Community Councils

Section 8.01. - Establishment and procedures.

The assembly by ordinance shall provide for establishment of community councils to afford citizens an opportunity for maximum community involvement and self-determination. The ordinance shall include procedures for negotiation between the local government and each community council with respect to the duties and responsibilities of the community council.