

Conal McNamara City Manager

Conal McNamara was named the City of Whittier's ninth City Manager, effective May 5, 2025. His public sector career spans more than 30 years of experience in municipal government, previously served as Whittier's Director of Community Development and served as City Manager for the City of La Palma.

Mr. McNamara's previous tenure in Whittier saw the successful implementation of key development projects, historic preservation initiatives, and business attraction efforts, including work on The Groves (Nelles) development, The Heights on Beverly Blvd., Friendly Hills Marketplace and the award-winning relocation of Guilford Hall.

Before working in Whittier, McNamara served as the Assistant Economic and Community Development Director for the City of Azusa. He has also worked for the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works as a Land Development Project Manager and served as a Policy Deputy for Los Angeles County Supervisor Michael Antonovich.

McNamara began his professional career as a city planner for the cities of Irvine, San Bernardino, and Santa Clarita. He holds undergraduate degrees in political science and social ecology from the University of California, Irvine, and a master's degree in public administration from California State University, Northridge.

Away from work, Conal enjoys spending time with his wife and grandchildren, and trying to improve his very mediocre golf game.