

City manager aide named

SANTA CRUZ — City Personnel Director Laura Brown is leaving her position to become Santa Cruz city's new assistant city manager.

City Manager Richard Wilson has announced the appointment of Brown, 30, to replace former assistant Jesus Armas.

The assistant manager's position has been vacant since Armas left the post October to become assistant city manager in Hayward.

Brown has been personnel director for two years. She was the city's chief negotiator for 11 labor contracts and has been in charge of workers' compensation, recruitment, worker pay and classification and other personnel duties, said Wilson.

She will become Wilson's chief assistant.

Brown first started working with the city in 1980 as an administrative analyst in the Public Works Department.

In 1981, she had served as an assistant to the city manager and was the city's agent for federal and state disaster relief programs after the 1982 severe storms.

She graduated with honors from the University of Southern California, studied public administration in Washington, D.C., and held a congressional internship there, said Wilson.

Brown moved to Santa Cruz in 1977 from Los Angeles. She had been a city council aide there.

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