



NOMINATION FOR AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

The Award of Excellence Program provides an opportunity to honor employees who are outstanding contributors to the organization and are not eligible to participate in the monthly Outstanding Performance Award Program

Employee Name: Ashley Resta

Job Title: Assistant Director of Utilities

Department/Division: Utilities/Public Works

I hereby nominate Ashley Resta for the Award of Excellence for the reasons stated below:

See attached document for full nomination.

Rodrigo de Castro and Sangeeta Dhulashia

2/3/2026

Name and Signature of Nominator

Date

Rodrigo de Castro

2/3/2026

Name and Signature of Director

Date

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Ashley began her career with the City of Sunrise on August 22, 2016, as the City Engineer in the Community Development Department. On August 23, 2021, she was promoted to the Utilities Department as the Assistant Director of Utilities, where she oversees the Public Works Division, including Stormwater & Grounds, Streets, Capital Projects, Engineering, and Fleet Management.

During her four years in Utilities, Ashley has excelled in leading a high-performing team. She consistently demonstrates outstanding leadership, interpersonal, and customer service skills. She is highly respected by her team and has fostered strong working relationships built on trust and collaboration.

There are numerous examples of Ashley's exceptional performance and commitment to the City; however, one project that particularly highlights her leadership is the Hiatus Road Trailhead Park. This project was a true cross-departmental effort involving multiple teams and staff members, and Ashley's leadership was instrumental to its success.

The Leisure Services Department served as the project client, while the work was managed, designed, and constructed entirely by in-house staff within the divisions overseen by Ashley. The Capital Projects Section managed the project, including scoping, coordination with Leisure Services and Purchasing, and oversight of both design and construction. The Utilities Engineering Section served as the Engineer of Record and completed the design and permitting. The Public Works Operations team acted as the contractor, constructing key park elements such as concrete slabs, benches, bike racks, a bike repair station, monument sign, a wildflower meadow, landscaping, and irrigation.

This project was completed successfully using City of Sunrise employees, resulting in significant cost savings by avoiding the use of outside contractors. It required seamless collaboration across multiple areas, including Capital Projects, Public Works, Engineering, and Sustainability. Ashley served as the "quarterback," guiding and coordinating the team to ensure the project was delivered efficiently and effectively.

For these reasons, and many others, we are proud to nominate Ashley Resta for the Quarterly Award of Excellence.