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Ascension Parish Government Elevates Pamela Matassa and James LeBlanc to Key Leadership Positions

GONZALES, LA - Ascension Parish Government proudly announces the promotions of Pamela Matassa to Deputy Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) and James LeBlanc to Governmental Affairs Director. These advancements underscore their remarkable dedication and contributions to Ascension Parish Government.

Pamela Matassa, currently serving as the Director of Communications, assumes her new role as Deputy CAO effective immediately. With extensive experience in communications garnered from her tenure as Communications Director for the Louisiana Department of Treasury and Louisiana Unclaimed Property Program under State Treasurer John M. Schroder, as well as Deputy Communications Director for Lieutenant Governor Billy Nungesser, Ms. Matassa brings a wealth of expertise to her new position. In addition to her responsibilities as the Public Information Officer, she will collaborate closely with Parish President Clint Cointment and CAO Ruth Phillips, leveraging her background to ensure effective communication between Ascension Parish Government and the community.

Commenting on Pamela Matassa's promotion, Parish President Clint Cointment remarked, "I am privileged to appoint Pamela Matassa to this pivotal position. Her wealth of experience and demonstrated proficiency make her an outstanding fit for the Deputy CAO role. I have every confidence in her ability to excel in this capacity."

James LeBlanc, previously Safety Director with a distinguished 30-year career at the Honeywell Chemical Facility in Geismar, brings extensive project management and safety expertise to his new role as Governmental Affairs Director. Additionally, in 2024, James enters his 38th year as a Volunteer Fire Chief in Ascension Parish, currently over two volunteer departments and communities. (St. Amant & Darrow).

Mr. LeBlanc's background equips him well to navigate the complexities of governmental affairs as he takes on various responsibilities alongside overseeing the Safety Program.

"James LeBlanc's exceptional leadership and steadfast commitment to volunteerism serve as a testament to his remarkable character. Ascension Parish is truly fortunate to have such a remarkable individual among us, and I am honored to appoint him as our Governmental Affairs Director," says President Cointment.

Expressing her gratitude for the promotions, Chief Administrative Officer Ruth Phillips stated, "I am appreciative of the opportunity to align our staff with roles that reflect their exceptional capabilities. Pamela Matassa and James LeBlanc have consistently demonstrated their competence. I am confident they will thrive in their new positions."

Ascension Parish Government remains steadfast in its commitment to delivering effective and efficient services to the community. These promotions exemplify the organization's dedication to recognizing and rewarding exceptional talent within its workforce.

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