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Assessor Petersen appoints Chief Appraiser

PHOENIX – The Maricopa County Assessor Paul D. Petersen is proud to promote Ms. Tracy Johnston, MAI, AAS, to the position of Chief Appraiser for the office.

“Throughout her years of public service, Tracy has been an invaluable part of our team,” said Assessor Petersen, “Her industry-recognized expertise will continue to push our office forward as an internationally recognized leader in the property assessment field.”

Tracy Johnston is a long-time assessment professional who most recently has served as the Chief Litigation Appraiser and Acting Commercial Manager of the Appraisal Division. Ms. Johnston is a valuation industry leader earning her MAI designation from the Appraisal Institute (AI) in 1994 and more recently her Assessment Administration Specialist (AAS) designation from the [International Association of Assessing Officers \(IAAO\)](#). She will also serve as the President of the Phoenix AI chapter next year.

Additionally, Ms. Johnston will be joined by two new appraisal managers, David F. Hansen and Thomas Rief, and current appraisal manager Ray Bell.

David F. Hansen, AAS, Residential Evaluation Specialist (RES), has worked his way through the Assessor’s Office starting as a field appraiser in 2004 to most recently serving as the Supervisor for Major Properties.

“Mr. Hansen has a deep understanding of the most complex aspects of our office and I look forward to him growing in his new assignment,” said Petersen.

Thomas Rief has over 29 years of experience in both the public and private sectors of real estate assessment, land use, planning and development. Tom is dedicated to being a strong bridge between government and the community.

“Mr. Rief has been an effective leader as the Ownership and Mapping Division Manager as well as the Personal Property Manager. He has been a dedicated member of the American Planning Association (APA), IAAO and a 2016 graduate of the [Urban and Regional Information Systems Association \(URISA\) Leadership Academy](#),” said Petersen.

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