



Maria De Leon has 26 years of experience in local government. She was appointed Director of the Recreation Department for the City of Gilroy in January 2011. Prior to this appointment, Maria has held management positions with the City of Hollister and the City of San Jose to include Redevelopment Project Coordinator, Planning Manager, Community Services Supervisor and Recreation Superintendent. Maria's background and experience includes community organizing, neighborhood revitalization, planning and land use implementation, public administration and leadership development.

Prior to her municipal experience, Maria worked with non-profit agencies to include the Mexican American Community Services Agency, Inc. (MACSA) and Youth Employment Services, where her responsibilities encompassed public relations, grant writing, and job readiness efforts.

Maria has a Bachelor of Art degree from San Jose State University in Public Relations and a Minor in Sociology, along with a Planning and Land Use Certificate from UC Davis.