



Two management staff appointed at Dayton Water Department

-Jackie Richmond promoted to division manager, Water Administration-

-Kena Crist joins Department as financial officer-

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City Manager Shelley Dickstein has announced the appointment of two professionals to positions in the Dayton Department of Water, effective immediately.

Jackie Richmond is promoted to the position of manager of the Division of Water Administration.

As division manager, Richmond will be responsible for supervision of maintenance and office staff and will participate in the management of operations and fiscal matters, including labor relations and special initiatives. The division is the central management organization for the Department of Water, which serves approximately 400,000 residents and businesses in Dayton and other communities.

Richmond is a 26-year City of Dayton employee with 10 years of supervisory experience. Her City service includes six years as senior business manager at the Department's Water Utility Filed Operations division and six years as executive secretary in the Office of the City Manager. The City has recognized her customer service, team leadership and problem resolution abilities with the Joseph T. Cline Award (2018) and the Water Worthy Award for Customer Service (2015). She was awarded a B.S. in Organizational Management by Wilberforce University in 2015.

Kena Crist is joining the Dayton Water Department as financial officer.

As financial officer, Crist will manage the budget, financial operations, and strategic planning for the water, sanitary, and storm water utilities. The responsibilities include management of cash and investment functions, as well as participating in planning and policy setting related to revenue and service estimates, capital projects and rate setting.

Crist comes to Dayton Water with nearly 10 years of leadership experience in municipal contract and fiscal services. Most recently she was assistant director of financial services for the New York City Mayor's Office of Contract Services, where she provided oversight of contracts with vendors, non-profits and other entities, with a focus on data management, systems improvements, forecasting, transparency and efficiency.

Crist also served as project manager and senior project manager for the New York City Economic Development Corporation, where she provided oversight of grant activities related to the Hurricane Sandy Resiliency and Recovery program, among others.

She earned a B.S. in Communications (2007) and an M.P.A (2010), both from Ohio University.

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