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[Markiea Carter](#) will lead the city of Cincinnati's Department of Community and Economic Development on an interim basis, City Manager [Patrick Duhaney](#) announced Tuesday.

Carter currently leads the city's economic inclusion department. She replaces [Phil Denning](#), who left the city to become executive vice president of the Port of Greater Cincinnati Development Authority. She will be the department's fifth director since Mayor [John Cranley](#) took office in December 2013 and follows [Jeff McElravy](#), [Oscar Bedolla](#), [Greg Huth](#) and [Phil Denning](#).

The inclusion office is responsible for administering, enforcing, and monitoring the city's equal employment opportunity program; living wage program; minority, women and small business enterprise programs and local, state and federal prevailing wage laws.

Carter started with the city 10 years ago in the community and economic development department. Before leading the inclusion department, Carter was an assistant to the city manager.

[Jennifer Mackenzie](#), the inclusion department's current deputy director, will become interim director. The appointments are effective Jan. 24.

"Each has had a decorated career with the city of Cincinnati, and I have full confidence they will provide tremendous leadership over their respective departments during this transitional period," Duhaney said in a memo to the mayor and City Council.