

Grace Leung
City of Newport Beach

Grace Leung is an experienced city leader with more than 20 years in local government and a proven track record of accomplishment. Grace comes to the City of Newport Beach from the City of Irvine, where she served as Assistant City Manager. In this role, Grace managed day-to-day operations and provided operational leadership to the departments of Administrative Services, Community Services, Community Development, Transportation and Public Works. Grace developed a ten-year Capital Improvement Plan, led the creation of the new Transportation Department and oversaw the completion of a comprehensive master plan for the City's extensive community parks system. Grace most recently served as Acting City Manager from December 2017 – July 2018.

Grace previously served as the Director of Administrative Services for Irvine from January 2016 to October 2016. Prior to Irvine, Grace served for six years as Director of Finance for the City of Sunnyvale. Her many responsibilities included development of Sunnyvale's performance based budget and 20-year financial plan. Grace began her career with the City of Long Beach, competitively selected for the City's management internship program.

Grace holds a Bachelor's degree from Columbia University in Urban Studies and a Master's degree in Public Policy from the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. Grace and her husband Jim have two children, Skylar (11) and Miles (9). In her free time, when she is not busy with her children's activities, Grace enjoys outrigger canoe paddling in the Newport Harbor and along the coast.