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Ascension Parish President Names New Interim CAO Transition Reflects Strategic Leadership Shift Within Parish Government

ASCENSION PARISH, La. —Parish President Clint Cointment has announced that Ricky Compton will serve as Interim Chief Administrative Officer, effective immediately. Compton most recently served as Infrastructure Division Director and will take on this expanded leadership role as part of a planned internal progression.

Former CAO Ruth Phillips will transition into the role of Interim Infrastructure Division Director, continuing her invaluable work on the Parish's critical infrastructure needs. Phillips has been an integral member of President Cointment's leadership team, playing a pivotal role in numerous achievements and initiatives. President Cointment expressed his appreciation for Phillips' service and continued contributions to Ascension Parish. "Ruth's commitment, knowledge, and leadership have been invaluable to our success, and she will continue to guide our infrastructure efforts in this new role," said President Cointment.

As Infrastructure Division Director, Compton oversaw key departments within Parish Government including Planning & Development, Building, Recreation, Facilities Management, Custodial, Project Management and Utilities. Under his leadership, the parish expanded recreational offerings, advanced strategic master planning initiatives, and streamlined building operations and permitting processes. His vision helped drive efficiency and elevate the long-term growth strategy for Ascension Parish.

"As we move forward, I am confident in Ricky's ability to lead our organization with vision, professionalism, and a continued dedication to service," Cointment said. "He has demonstrated a deep understanding of how thoughtful planning and execution can shape a stronger, smarter future for our community."

In addition to his professional role, Compton serves as President-Elect of the East Ascension Rotary Club and represents Ascension Parish Government on the Board of Directors for the Ascension Chamber of Commerce.

"I'm honored to take on this new leadership role and build upon the foundation of excellence that already exists within Ascension Parish Government," said Compton. "We have a strong team and a community that deserves our best. I'm committed to fostering collaboration, driving innovation, and continuing the important work of making Ascension Parish a place we are all proud to call home."

This leadership transition reflects the Parish's commitment to building a resilient and adaptable government team capable of meeting the evolving needs of a growing community.