

Ken Berkman, PE

Director of Public Works

Ken has been with the City of El Segundo as our Interim Director since November 2016 and has over 25 years of public works and engineering experience. He has a BS in Civil Engineering from the University of Maryland and has been a California licensed civil engineer for the past 22 years. Ken brings a valuable blend of experience working in the public and private sectors, including LA County, Culver City and Agoura Hills, as well as Turner Construction, Parsons Corporation, and Psomas.

Ken will be leading our Public Works team of approximately 50 staff and oversee an operating budget of almost \$40 million that supports four Divisions (Engineering, Streets, General Services, and Water). The Department is responsible for the operation and maintenance of about 60 miles of city streets and alleyways; 65 miles of water lines and 5,000 water meters; 60 miles of sewer lines; 18 miles of storm drains; 45 city buildings comprising 68,000 square feet; 156 vehicles, and the delivery of an approximate \$10M annual capital improvement program. In the Interim role, Ken provided the City and the Department a seamless transition and maintained the high level of accessibility, accountability and responsiveness to internal and external customers we expect in El Segundo. He also focused on establishing a more inclusive, collaborative approach to problem solving inside and outside the Department, and made sure the Capital Improvement Program continued without delay.

El Segundo is actually very familiar to Ken and his family, having lived next door in Westchester from 1997-2004. Serving as the City's Interim Director of Public Works allowed Ken to see that this full-service Department was a great fit for him, and he truly enjoyed working with the talented and dedicated staff and executive team. When the opportunity opened up for the permanent position, there was no doubt he was going to apply, and was selected out of strong pool of almost 150 applicants for the job.

Ken was born and raised on Long Island, NY, and has lived in Los Angeles since 1991. He and his wife, Patricia, have a 16-year-old girl (Sydney) and a 12-year-old boy (Drew). He loves cars and all sports, especially ice hockey and golf. He does not want the Ducks to win another Stanley Cup (Go Kings!).

We look forward to Ken's continued leadership, the difference he'll contribute, and the positive impact his department will have on the community's quality of life, the City's economic growth, public safety and the environment.

