Mighty KREM team,

After working through an impressive group of candidates, we are thrilled to share with you that **Stephani Ruiz Gibilisco** will join KREM as our **News Director**.

Stephani is a master of content. Her attention to detail and creative vision will continue to elevate KREM's commitment to strong local journalism across all platforms. Stephani has spent the last three years as a Communications Manager, developing social media and content strategy plans. But KREM's amazing team lured her back!  Many of you know her from her time as KREM's Assistant News Director and EP of Diversity & Inclusion. Prior to that, she was a Senior Producer at KING and a show producer at KMTV and KGUN.

During her first chapter at TEGNA, Stephani and I were part of a leadership book club. Back then, and again recently, I was impressed with her commitment to building a strong culture, built on a foundation of coaching and support.

RJ had conversations with many of you today in Spokane, and I know you are as excited as I am to welcome Stephani back. She asked me to pass along this message to all of you:

“It is a privilege to return to KREM as news director and lead a newsroom with such a strong legacy of trusted local journalism. My first experience at KREM as assistant news director gave me a deep appreciation for the station’s commitment to local storytelling and its responsibility to serve the community with accuracy, compassion and integrity. I’m grateful for the opportunity to lead a newsroom I know and deeply respect, and I’m excited to build on its strong foundation while helping our team continue to deliver meaningful journalism every day."

**Stephanie's first day at KREM will be August 3rd.** Please join me in welcoming her back to #TeamTEGNA.

**JULIE WOLFE**
Vice President of Content, West Region
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