

Krishna Namburi Biographical Information

Krishna Namburi currently serves as the Interim City Manager for Salem, Oregon, having been unanimously appointed by City Council in March 2025. A longtime public servant, Krishna has a 25-year tenure with the City of Salem, previously serving as Deputy City Manager, where she oversaw Enterprise Services including IT, Human Resources, Facilities, Fleet, Risk, and the Customer Service Center.

As Interim City Manager, Krishna has guided the City through a critical transition. She provided steady leadership during the successful passage of the local option levy while managing the challenging fiscal year 2026 budget, which included a \$13.8 million shortfall. During this time, she enhanced organizational efficiencies, implemented cost-saving measures, and strengthened citywide coordination in alignment with Council and community priorities.

Krishna is widely recognized for her integrity, fairness, neutrality, and objectivity. She is deeply committed to innovation and employee engagement and combines exceptional problem-solving skills with a strategic vision to navigate complex city challenges.

She approaches issues with impartiality, giving equal consideration to all stakeholders and listening carefully to diverse perspectives to build a shared foundation. Once the foundation is defined, she applies a disciplined and focused approach, uniting people around a shared goal to achieve positive outcomes for the community. Krishna's work on the Safety and Livability Initiative demonstrates this approach.

Under her leadership, Krishna has advanced creative efforts to reimagine city services without adding new resources, continuously driving innovation across the City. She unites employees, leverages their strengths, and delivers high-impact results — creating a high-performing, collaborative, and adaptive organization.

Krishna consistently approaches complex challenges with a long-term vision, delivering comprehensive, holistic solutions supported by clear action plans. Her recommendations are grounded in rigorous data-driven analysis and reflect the voices of Council members, residents, community partners, and employees. Through these efforts, she leads with empathy and inclusiveness in addressing city service challenges, while promoting long-term sustainability, inspiring renewed trust in local government.

She has a strong commitment to the Salem community and feels privileged to work alongside the talented leadership team and dedicated employees of the City of Salem, whose expertise and excellence drive meaningful impact for the community.

Prior to embarking on a career in public service, Krishna worked as a Senior Consultant for PricewaterhouseCoopers. She attended the Indian Institute of Technology-Kharagpur to pursue M.S. in Civil Engineering and Portland State University for an M.S. in Computer Science.