



## **Urban Design Introduces New Chief Building Official for the City of Punta Gorda**

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Urban Design, on behalf of the City of Punta Gorda, is pleased to announce the appointment of Ronald Cohowcz as the new Chief Building Official. Ronald brings with him over 28 years of extensive experience in the building construction industry, making him a valuable addition to our community.

Ronald Cohowcz joins us from Cape Coral, Florida, where he currently resides. His career spans various roles of increasing responsibility, most recently at Jacobs, a prominent company offering engineering, technical, professional, and construction services to diverse clientele. During his tenure at Jacobs, Ronald served in pivotal positions within the Building Departments of Bonita Springs and the Town of Fort Myers Beach. His roles included plans reviewer, building inspector, and Deputy Building Official, where he consistently demonstrated strong leadership and technical expertise.

"We are thrilled to welcome Ronald Cohowcz as the new Chief Building Official for the City of Punta Gorda," said Planning Director, Lisa Hannon. "His wealth of experience and proven track record in the industry make him the ideal candidate to lead our Building Department forward. We are confident that under his guidance, the City of Punta Gorda will continue to uphold the highest standards of safety and efficiency in building practices."

As Chief Building Official, Ronald will oversee and ensure compliance with building codes and regulations, facilitate development processes, and support the growth and sustainability of Punta Gorda's urban landscape.

Please join us in welcoming Ronald Cohowcz to the City of Punta Gorda.