

Joelle Fockler, MMC City Clerk, City of Concord

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Joelle started her government career in 1986 working for the City of Pleasant Hill, California. There, she worked in the Finance, Human Resources, City Manager, and Community Development Departments until 2000. Wanting to spend more time with her two young children, Joelle then went to work at the Contra Costa Centre Association where she was a transportation and childcare program coordinator for the public/private partnership. In 2007, Joelle returned to work fulltime at the City of Concord, California, where she worked as an Administrative Assistant in the Economic Development/Redevelopment Department. In 2011 an opportunity came up to apply for the Concord City Clerk, and Joelle found her passion. At that time, Joelle went back to school to earn her BS degree and enrolled in every possible training to earn the Certified Municipal Clerk (CMC) designation. Things didn't work out quite the way they were planned at Concord, but she was able to seize an opportunity to work for the City of Walnut Creek, California, as its Assistant to the City Clerk. Gaining experience and education at Walnut Creek, Joelle returned to the City of Concord in 2014 as its Deputy City Clerk and became City Clerk in November 2014. She earned the CMC designation in 2012 and a Bachelor of Applied Studies and Master Municipal Clerk designation in 2016. Joelle has served as the Communications Chair and Vice President of the Northern California City Clerks' Association and is currently Region 15 Director of the City Clerks' Association of California.

Since becoming the Concord City Clerk, Joelle updated the City's Record Retention Schedule, implemented a citywide trusted Electronic Content Management System, electronic filing of Form 700s, automated Concord's Agenda workflow process, implemented paperless City Council agenda packets and electronic signatures, and transitioned her Agency to virtual meetings.

Joelle and her husband, Henry, live in the Alhambra Valley in Martinez and love living in the country. She enjoys traveling, hiking, long walks with their dog, entertaining, and visits from their two grown children.