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Ana Lasso to Lead the Department of General Services

SACRAMENTO— Secretary Yolanda Richardson of the Government Operations Agency on Friday welcomed Ana M. Lasso, 44, to serve as the Director of the California Department of General Services.

“With deep roots in Los Angeles and experience in real-estate negotiations and education, Ana will bring to the Department a fresh perspective about public spaces and new thinking about how the state will support government facilities and manage facilities at a dynamic time,” said Secretary Richardson. “We believe her leadership will be vital as the state continues to modernize facilities and think differently about the future of work.”

Lasso was appointed Friday by Governor Newsom to lead the Department, which has 3,500 employees and an annual budget of more than \$1 billion. The Department manages 35 million square feet of office space, including 3.6 million currently under construction or renovation in the Sacramento area.

Lasso will manage key Administration initiatives including the ongoing transition to telework, re-designing government procurement and processes and reducing the climate footprint of the state’s buildings and fleet.

“I am eager to join the Administration and continue serving the public in this important role overseeing the General Services Department,” Lasso said.

Lasso has been General Manager of Exposition Park in Los Angeles, administering all park-related activities and managing the common interests of the governing bodies including the Exposition Park and California Science Center Board of Directors, the California African American Museum Board of Directors, the

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Los Angeles Coliseum Commission, the Los Angeles County Natural History Museum, the City of Los Angeles Recreation and Parks' EXPO Center, the Friends of EXPO Center, the University of Southern California-Coliseum, the Los Angeles Football Club—Banc of California Stadium and the Lucas Museum of Narrative Art. In the role, she led all operations and public safety needs and represented the State of California in land-use management and real estate negotiations related to Exposition Park.

Previously, Lasso managed the Joint Use and Innovation bond program for Los Angeles Unified School District and spearheaded the development of wellness centers, mobile health clinics and other bond-funded partnership programs, including managing and executing the Community School Park (CSP) program and the Sustainable Environmental Education Development in Schools (SEEDS) program.

Ms. Lasso has a Master of Arts in City Planning from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and dual bachelor's degrees from UCLA in World Arts and Cultures, and Chicano Studies. She will assume the role starting April 19.

The Department of General Services (DGS) serves as business manager for the state of California, supporting departments with facilities management, fleet management and procurement.

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