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## Roanoke County Names Information Technology Director

**February 6, 2024** –Deputy County Administrator Rebecca Owens is delighted to announce the appointment of Uma Marques as Information Technology Director. Marques will assume her new position on February 21, 2024.

“We are fortunate to attract an experienced leader like Uma to lead our Information Technology department,” said Owens. “Navigating the ever-changing landscape of IT with its emerging technologies is challenging. Uma’s expertise in the IT sector will undoubtedly enhance our team.”

Marques is coming to Roanoke County from the Virginia Smart Community Testbed in Stafford County, VA, where she served as the Director. The Testbed is a partnership between Stafford County, VA and the Virginia Innovation Partnership Corporation to bring innovation and economic development to our Commonwealth. Marques brings over 30 years of technology experience that spans for-profit, not-for-profit, entrepreneurial ventures, and local government.

“I feel very fortunate to join a great team at Roanoke County and do my part to support the delivery of quality services to its citizens,” said Marques. “Roanoke County has the vision, momentum, and support by leadership, making it an exciting time to make this transition. I think the best is yet to come, and I can't wait to get to work.”

Marques holds a bachelor’s degree in Electrical Engineering from Anna University, India. She holds a master’s degree in Computer Engineering from Clemson University, as well as a master’s degree in Technology Management from George Mason University.

Marques follows Bill Hunter who recently retired after serving Roanoke County for over 20 years.



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