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## Clayton Voignier Joins Union County to Lead Strategy and Innovation

**MONROE, N.C. (June 23, 2021)** – Union County Government is committed to innovative and creative solutions as the organization and community grows and has created a position to achieve continued success. The Management Team hired Clayton Voignier as Director of Strategy and Innovation. Voignier will provide guidance on improving programs and services, develop and recommend policies that align County programs with priorities and growth initiatives, oversee the County's Community Development Block Grant Program, implement a new process for coordinating agendas for Board of Commissioners meetings, and more.

"Bringing Clayton on board is a strategic decision to ensure Union County Government continues to develop innovative, cost-effective solutions for delivering the quality services that residents rely upon," said Mark Watson, County Manager. "Clayton's wealth of experience and knowledge will benefit Union County greatly."

Voignier most recently served as Director of Community Planning and Development for Richland County, South Carolina. He is originally from Winston-Salem, North Carolina, where he started his career in public service at an early age as a lifeguard with the City of Winston-Salem. He later worked for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development in Greensboro, North Carolina, and in a variety of roles for Mecklenburg County, North Carolina including Assistant to the County Manager, Director of Business Affairs for the Department of Social Services, and Director of Compliance, Strategic Planning and Revenue Cycle Management for the Finance Department.

"I am both humbled and excited for the opportunity to join Union County Government, an organization that is committed to planning for and investing in future growth, and I look forward to implementing unique ideas that demonstrate the County's continued commitment," Voignier said.

Voignier has earned multiple degrees in higher education, as well as multiple certifications.

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