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PRESS RELEASE

Downey City Manager Announces Retirement Plans Mayor and Council Thank Gilbert Livas for His Public Service

Downey, CA, February 9, 2022: City of Downey City Manager Gilbert Livas announced his plans to retire, effective July 1, 2022. His retirement caps nearly 15 years of public service to the community of Downey.

Mr. Livas has served as City Manager for the City of Downey since December 2011. He first joined the City of Downey as Community Development Director/Deputy City Manager in 2007 and was promoted to Assistant City Manager in 2010, before his appointment as City Manager. Throughout his career, Mr. Livas has championed fiscal responsibility, economic development, and community revitalization. He has been a strong advocate for customer-oriented local government and considers ethics to be the core value of an organization.

“Since arriving to Downey, Mr. Livas has taken on increasing responsibility and leadership within our city government. For over 10 years, he has served as the top unelected official in Downey; and that stability has yielded strong results for our community,” said Mayor Blanca Pacheco. “On behalf of our City Council, I thank him for his many contributions to our community and City staff, and wish him well in his future plans.”

During his tenure as City Manager, the City of Downey has experienced an economic rebirth in its downtown core, expanded shopping and dining experiences with the development of Promenade, and preserved the community's reputation for public safety and low crime. Additionally, Mr. Livas has delivered a balanced City budget for nine (9) consecutive years, completed over \$67 million in Measure S neighborhood infrastructure projects, expanded the City's medical hub by bringing PIH Hospital and expanding Kaiser Medical Center, and most recently, launching a \$30 million residential street improvement project.

Mr. Livas led the City through some of the most incredibly challenging times in our nation's history, such as navigating through a recession and responding to a global pandemic, all while maintaining the City fiscally sound and delivering high quality services to residents.

“It has been an honor and privilege to serve the residents of Downey,” said Mr. Livas. “Together, we have worked hard to preserve everything that makes this City special. I sincerely thank all of the elected officials I have had the pleasure of working with throughout the years - thank you for your support and trust in me. To our wonderful City of Downey employees who work tirelessly every day to keep our City running - thank you for your undivided commitment to our residents. Last but not least, thank you to the residents of Downey for allowing me the opportunity to serve you and be part of this community.”

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The Downey City Council will soon consider how to fill the City Manager position. With the significant notice provided about Mr. Livas' retirement plans, there is ample time to find a replacement and maintain organizational consistency at City Hall. Mr. Livas will continue to serve in the role of City Manager until the timeline reaches the effective date of his retirement.

"Our Council recognizes the important role of a high-performing City Manager serving as our partner in delivering for the needs of the community, and we will work diligently to find the right person to fill the position," concluded Mayor Pacheco.

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