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PRESS RELEASE

Downey City Council to Appoint New City Manager

Downey, CA, February 7 2023:

The Downey City Council has directed that a contract be placed on its February 14 agenda for the purpose of appointing Roger Bradley to the City's vacant City Manager position. Per the City's charter, the City Council must approve the contract by majority vote on a public agenda.

The selection of Mr. Bradley culminates a national search conducted by an executive search firm that screened more than 40 candidates. Mr. Bradley currently serves as Assistant City Manager with the City of Corona, overseeing Public Works, Planning and Development, Community Services, Utilities, and the City's Accounting, Purchasing and City Clerk functions. Mr. Bradley has over 20 years of government experience, including serving as Assistant County Administrative Officer for Kings County, and Community Services Director for the City of Claremont.

Mr. Bradley graduated from Brigham Young University with degrees in Political Science and Statistics, and he earned a Master of Public Administration (MPA) degree from the Sol Price School of Public Policy at USC. Mr. Bradley is a veteran of the Armed Forces, having served in the United States Marine Corps. He and his wife Jennifer have four children.

Downey Mayor Claudia M. Frometa expressed the City Council's enthusiasm for the appointment, "We were fortunate to have a remarkable field of candidates for the City Manager position, demonstrating Downey's reputation as a high-quality community with a long tradition of good government. Roger Bradley impressed us with his strong local government background, commitment to customer service, his thoughtful approach to leadership and in his insightful analysis of Downey's future needs."

The Downey City Manager position has been extraordinarily stable. The last two City Managers served in the role for a total of 33 years. The position was last held by Gilbert Livas until June, 2022. Proposed contract language for Mr. Bradley is in preparation and will be available for public review prior to the February 14 City Council agenda.

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