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AZUSA CITY COUNCIL APPOINTS DENNIS BECKWITH TO FILL VACANT COUNCIL POSITION

Councilmember to Fill Temporary Appointment Until Nov. 2022 General Election

AZUSA – At their public special meeting on October 13, 2021, the Azusa City Council conducted candidate interviews and appointed Dennis Beckwith as the City's newest Councilmember. Mr. Beckwith, who serves as the Director of Development for Gift and Estate Planning at Azusa Pacific University, fills the Council seat left vacant by the unexpected passing of former Councilmember Uriel E. Macias in August of this year. Per the California Government Code, Mr. Beckwith can hold the seat until the next general municipal election in November 2022. He would be eligible to run for the Council seat in that election, as voters decide who will fill the seat for the remainder of the term expiring in November 2024.

The City held an open application process whereby any registered voter in Azusa could apply for the vacant Council seat. The City received eight applications, and vetted all applicants in a public meeting, offering an opportunity for the candidates to introduce themselves, respond to Council questions, and address community members present.

“While the reason we are here is solemn in nature, this also marks an important moment for the City of Azusa”, said Mayor Gonzales. “Mr. Beckwith is a longtime resident of our community and brings new strengths and ideas to our City’s leadership. A special thank you to all the dedicated community members who took their time to apply for this open position, and to our city staff for their due diligence in ensuring a professional and timely process through such difficult circumstances,” he said.

Mr. Beckwith took the oath of office on Thursday afternoon, and his appointment is expected to be formally ratified at Monday’s regular City Council meeting.

“I look forward to building upon the good work of the City Council, staff and our diverse community partners in moving this city forward. I am humbled by the circumstances of this appointment and deeply honored for the opportunity to serve our community in this new capacity. I firmly believe in the potential and future of Azusa and pledge to do all I can to work in the best interest of our residents”, said Mr. Beckwith.

For additional information about the Azusa City Council, please visit the Azusa City website or contact the Office of the City Manager at 626-812-5239.

About Azusa

Founded in 1887, Azusa is a thriving community of some 50,000 residents. Nestled against the San Gabriel Mountain foothills in the County of Los Angeles, Azusa has been recognized for its diverse community programs, premier public parks and facilities, and business friendly initiatives.

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