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City of San José Names Jennifer Maguire as Assistant City Manager

SAN JOSE, Calif. – Jennifer Maguire has been appointed Assistant City Manager by City Manager Dave Sykes, effective November 5, 2017. Maguire, a 26-year City veteran, will leave her post as Senior Deputy City Manager and Budget Director to assume the second-in-command position of the City administration. Maguire fills the vacancy left by Sykes when he became City Manager earlier this month.

The Assistant City Manager role functions as the Chief Operating Officer for the City Manager, ensuring the effective delivery of services through 16 departments and offices. The Assistant City Manager ensures that departments are working proactively toward their performance goals, providing guidance on strategic direction and helping to anticipate and resolve complex issues.

For this new role, Maguire brings a wide range of experience. She rose through the ranks from her start at the City in 1991 as a Budget Analyst in the City's Budget Office. Through a succession of promotions, she became a Principal Budget Analyst in 1993; next promoted to Assistant to the City Manager in 1998, a position in which she primarily worked on employee and labor relations matters; then became the City's first Assistant Budget Director in 2000; and, in 2008, she was appointed as the City's Budget Director, a role that has responsibility for the City's \$3.5 billion budget.

As Budget Director, Maguire guided the City through its most difficult financial times in recent history, addressing budget shortfalls of almost \$700 million over a 10-year period, and which required significant adjustments to City programs and service levels.

In 2013, Maguire was appointed to the dual role of Deputy City Manager and Budget Director. As Deputy City Manager, she served as a key advisor and performed complex policy analysis and special projects for

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the City Manager while overseeing the Police, Fire, Environmental Services, Transportation, and Airport departments. Her role was expanded in 2015 when she was named Senior Deputy City Manager and Budget Director. In addition to the Police and Fire departments, she was also assigned oversight of the Finance and Human Resources departments as well as the Office of Employee Relations.

“I’ve worked alongside Jennifer for more than 20 years, and have the utmost respect for her as an effective leader who can skillfully and strategically navigate through complex and challenging issues,” said Sykes. “She has a pragmatic and results-oriented perspective, and clearly she brings expertise on a wide range of City services and programs. I know we can count on her deep commitment to the well-being of our San José community and our City organization.”

“Jennifer has provided steadfast leadership during some of our City’s most challenging times,” said Mayor Sam Liccardo. “With her deep, intricate understanding of our organization and the services we provide to our community, I’m pleased that she has been selected to serve as our Assistant City Manager, a role in which she can continue to help our City move forward in a positive direction.”

“I’m deeply honored by this appointment, and excited to serve our City organization and our San José community as Assistant City Manager,” said Maguire. “I look forward to running the day-to-day operations of our large, fast-paced, and highly complex organization and working to ensure a vibrant City that enhances the lives of our diverse community.”

Maguire has been a resident of San José for almost 20 years, and has lived in Santa Clara County most of her life. She holds a bachelor’s degree in Psychology and a master’s degree in Business Administration, both from Santa Clara University. She was recognized in 2012 with two distinguished awards, the San Jose/Silicon Valley Business Journal’s 100 Women of Influence Award and the YMCA Tribute to Women Award.

About the City of San José - Known as the Capital of Silicon Valley, San José is the nation’s tenth largest city and the largest city in Northern California with an ethnically diverse population of more than one million people. San José was founded in 1777, once served as the state capital of California, and now encompasses 180 square miles. The City’s website is www.sanjoseca.gov. Facts about San José can be found here: <http://www.sanjoseca.gov/DocumentCenter/View/780>.

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