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City Promotes Interim Director Zachary Dahl to Lead Community Development Department

Longtime City Planner Brings Extensive Experience to Role

San Mateo, CA – Deputy Director of the Community Development Department Zach Dahl, who has led the Department on an interim basis since July 2023, has been appointed to permanently fill the role of Director.

Dahl joined the City in the Deputy Director role in June 2021, bringing over 22 years of planning experience from the public and private sectors. Prior to joining the City, he served as Planning and Building Director with the Town of Los Altos Hills, and as Planning Services Manager with the City of Los Altos. He holds a degree in City and Regional Planning from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, and is certified by the American Institute of Certified Planners.

"I am excited for Zach to continue serving as a critical member of our executive team," said City Manager Alex Khojikian. "Zach's wealth of experience in urban planning will help with addressing both immediate objectives and long-term strategies that make San Mateo a vibrant, livable, diverse, and healthy community."

Dahl's experience with ongoing efforts such as the City's recent Housing Element and General Plan processes will allow him to step into his permanent role seamlessly. When not managing the City's complex development and planning efforts, Zach spends his time with his wife Alexa and their two sons Oliver and Gabriel, and with his hobbies of gardening, hiking, carpentry, golf, and traveling.



"I am excited and humbled by the opportunity to lead the City's Community Development Department. San Mateo is truly a special place to live and work, and I am really looking forward to listening to and collaborating with all members of the community as we work to meet the City's needs and plan for the future."

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