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City of Cupertino Initiating Recruitment Process For City Manager

CUPERTINO, CA – Cupertino Mayor Paul announced today that the City Council met on May 28, 2021 to consider the resignation of its City Manager Deborah Feng and will seek to hire an interim City Manager, and then retain a recruiting firm to hire a permanent replacement.

Ms. Feng resigned on May 26, 2021 and is pursuing other career opportunities. She commented, “I am proud of what we’ve been able to accomplish throughout the past two years. We were able to guide the community through the pandemic, identify housing for dozens of people in need, develop a rental assistance program for our most vulnerable residents, and support our small businesses through grants.”

The Mayor commented on the priorities of the community and City Council during Ms. Feng’s tenure. Such projects include the expansion of the Cupertino Library, the promotion of public health and safety during the COVID-19 pandemic with the lowest transmission rates in the County, passing legislation protecting the environment, working to address the housing crisis effectively, and the expansion of quality-of-life service to the residents of Cupertino including the purchase of land for a future park at Lawrence-Mitty in the City’s most park-deficient area.

“Deb has made her mark on the progress Cupertino has been making,” the Mayor said. “The Council appreciates her service and wishes her the best in her future endeavors.”

The Mayor said that the Council will be retaining a professional recruiting firm to find a City Manager who will continue moving Cupertino forward in a careful and honest manner that sets forth as the highest priorities transparency, integrity, the continued vibrancy of our community, and fiscal accountability. “We have much going on now, and we will be

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proceeding comprehensively, effectively and as quickly as possible to fill this position with an eye on our long-term success.”

In the meantime, the City will be seeking an interim manager for a period expected to be three to six months while the recruitment for the permanent position proceeds.

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