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New In-House City Attorney Chris Jensen

CUPERTINO, CA - The City of Cupertino is pleased to announce that Chris Jensen will be the new in-house City Attorney for the City of Cupertino. Jensen will start with the City on July 27.

“The Cupertino City Council conducted an exhaustive search for highly qualified candidates to serve as our in-house City Attorney,” said Mayor Darcy Paul. “I believe that our community will welcome this selection as the combination of legal acumen and perspective that will serve Cupertino in an exemplary fashion, as we bring our internal legal structure back into place. We are proud to bring forth our new City Attorney Chris Jensen.”

Jensen is a graduate of Stanford Law School. He currently serves as the Assistant City Attorney for the City of Berkeley, where his legal counsel and work have spanned the gamut of professional activity for a City Attorney’s office. Prior to joining the Berkeley City Attorney’s Office, Jensen was a partner at Hanson Bridgett LLP, and he received an undergraduate degree in Environmental Chemistry from UCSD and a master’s degree in Atmospheric Chemistry from MIT.

“I am grateful for the opportunity to serve the people of Cupertino,” Jensen said. “There is a great team in place in the City, and I am looking forward to being part of it.”

Since the beginning of 2019, the law firm of Shute Mihaly & Weinberger has served in the capacity of City Attorney for Cupertino. At the beginning of 2021, City Council decided, in accordance with its intent when hiring a law firm, to bring the position back in house.

“Shute Mihaly and their designated attorney Heather Minner did a thorough job these past two years,” said Mayor Paul. “We will complete the transition as initially contemplated by City Council, when we ensured more than two years ago that there would be 90 working days for a transition of processes and knowledge to take place when we transitioned back to an in-house City Attorney. That day has arrived, and we look forward to great things.”

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