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City of Hemet Hires Permanent City Manager

HEMET, CA - The Hemet City Council voted 4-0 Tuesday morning to appoint Mr. Alexander P. Meyerhoff as Hemet's City Manager. He is a resident of Palm Desert, CA. Mr. Meyerhoff's appointment follows an exhaustive national search conducted by the executive search firm Avery Associates. The recruitment attracted 26 candidates from four states.

Mr. Meyerhoff was one of six finalists invited to participate in a two-day competitive executive assessment that included professional and technical interview panels, a round-table discussion with the city's executive team and interviews with city council members. The second day concluded with an interview and discussion with the full city council in closed session. Today's appointment by the city council will be effective January 6th, 2015, Meyerhoff's first day on the job.

Alexander Meyerhoff comes to Hemet with an extensive background in Community Development, City and Land Use Planning and City Management. He also spent several years in the private sector as Director of Planning and Economic Development with Escalante Architects in Palm Springs. Mr. Meyerhoff is an adjunct professor of Architecture and Real Estate Development at College of the Desert in Palm Desert, CA. He also worked as an intern in Washington, D.C.

Mr. Meyerhoff earned Bachelor of Arts Degree from UCLA in History and a Master of Arts degree from UCLA's prestigious Graduate School of Architecture and Urban Planning. Much of his public service has been in the Desert Region of Riverside and Imperial Counties. He began his public service in the planning departments of the cities of Indio, Coachella and Palm Springs. He served as Community Development Director in Twentynine Palms from 2005 to 2008 before transitioning to work in the private sector. From 2008 to 2011 Meyerhoff was Director of Planning and Economic Development for the Palm Springs firm Escalante Architects.

In 2011, Meyerhoff pursued his desire to return to the public sector in the role of city manager. He was appointed and served as The City Manager in Holtville, CA from 2011 to 2014. After successfully implementing a number of significant projects and priorities for the city, Meyerhoff elected to return to the Coachella Valley and served as Community Development Director in Desert Hot Springs for one year.

Hemet Mayor Bonnie Wright expressed her excitement for Meyerhoff's appointment, "Mr. Meyerhoff's vast experience in the public and private sector as well as his familiarity with the valley will be a great asset to us as we begin moving forward in 2016. We look forward to working with Mr. Meyerhoff and utilizing his expertise when developing the city's next five and ten year strategic plan.

Alex Meyerhoff said he is looking forward to a long and successful career as Hemet's City Manager. During the professional assessment he relayed that his childhood included many trips to Hemet while his family vacationed in nearby Idyllwild. While Hemet has certainly felt the impact of the Great Recession, Meyerhoff said he is, "excited to be part of the renaissance" in Hemet.

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