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CITY MANAGER STEFFENS ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT

SUNNYVALE, Calif. – Sunnyvale City Manager Kent Steffens announced he will retire at the end of June after more than seven years in the role.

“It’s been such an honor to work beside our dedicated employees and City Council as we’ve steered through challenges and achieved many successes,” said Steffens. “Not only have we continued Sunnyvale’s tradition of long-range planning and disciplined financial management, we’ve tackled some of the biggest projects in the City’s history. I’m so proud of our hardworking team, excellent services to the community, and many accomplishments.

“Kent’s expertise and leadership have benefitted Sunnyvale greatly during his tenure with us,” said Mayor Larry Klein. “From navigating a pandemic to advancing some of our largest and most significant projects, he has been a strategic, thoughtful and productive city manager. Kent has built a great organization and leaves us in a strong, stable position to continue progress on numerous initiatives important to our community. It’s been a true pleasure working with him over the years and on behalf of the City Council, I wish him the very best in his well-deserved retirement.”

Steffens has 40 years of experience with public agencies including four Bay Area cities – Sunnyvale, Menlo Park, Palo Alto and Foster City. He has served Sunnyvale for 13 years, including four as Director of Public Works and three as Assistant City Manager. During this time, he dedicated four new City parks – Seven Seas, Swegles, Wiser and Muwékma. Steffens was also responsible for developing and initiating the Civic Center Modernization master plan. This three-phase vision for the 26-acre campus has so far resulted in an addition to the Public Safety Headquarters, a new Net Zero Energy city hall built to LEED Platinum standards, and six acres of

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public open space. Steffens was also involved with developing and executing the Sunnyvale Cleanwater Program. As the largest capital improvement program in the City's history, this long-term initiative is rebuilding Sunnyvale's wastewater treatment plant. Other significant master plans he has guided include the Active Transportation Plan and Vision Zero, both of which address safety and infrastructure improvements for our roadways.

The City will begin a recruitment process for a new city manager later this spring.

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