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Ryan Gohlich Named Director of Community Development for the City of Beverly Hills

Beverly Hills, CA – Beverly Hills City Manager George Chavez today announced that Ryan Gohlich will serve as the City's next Director of Community Development, effective February 26. Gohlich will succeed Susan Healy Keene who recently announced her retirement after 12 years with the City.

"I am so pleased to congratulate Ryan on his new role," said City Manager George Chavez. "Susan's success has provided a strong foundation for Ryan as he leads the department forward. His superior technical knowledge combined with an understanding of our community have prepared him well for the work ahead."

As Director of Community Development, Gohlich will oversee the divisions of Planning, Development Services, Community Preservation, Rent Stabilization and Special Events and Filming.

Gohlich began his career with the City of Beverly Hills in 2007 as an Assistant Planner and has served in a variety of roles during his tenure including Senior Planner and Assistant Director of Community Development/City Planner since 2015.

"It is truly a privilege to serve Beverly Hills," said Gohlich. "I am proud to work alongside the dedicated and talented professionals on our Community Development team as we all work together to provide exceptional customer service to this exceptional community."

"Ryan has been a tremendous partner during my time in Beverly Hills," said retiring Director Susan Healy Keene. "I know he will continue to be an outstanding asset to our community and City staff and wish him the absolute best in his new role."

Gohlich earned his Bachelor of Science in City and Regional Planning from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo and Master of Arts in Organizational Leadership from Woodbury University. He is a member of the American Planning Association and received his certification from the American Institute of Certified Planners.



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Also today, Chavez announced that David Yelton, currently the City's Deputy Building Official, has been named Assistant Director of Community Development managing Code Compliance; Plan Review and Building Inspection; the Permit Center and Special Events and Filming. Yelton, who joined the City of Beverly Hills as a Building Inspector in 1998, assumes the duties of former Assistant Director Raj Patel who retired late last year.

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