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NEW ASSISTANT TOWN MANAGER/COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR APPOINTED IN LOS GATOS

Los Gatos, CA – Town Manager Greg Larson is pleased to announce the appointment of Laurel Prevetti to a newly-formed position of Assistant Town Manager/Community Development Director effective May 5. Laurel will have immediate responsibility for the Community Development Department, directly supervising Building & Inspections, Current Planning and Future Planning/Housing. She will assume broader responsibilities in the Town Manager's Office on Monday, June 23, following the retirement of current Assistant Town Manager Pamela Jacobs.

Effective May 5, current Community Development Director Sandy Baily will assume duties as Special Projects Director pending her retirement on June 6. In this role she will complete several long-standing planning-related Strategic Goals for the Town Council.

Greg Larson said, "Combining these positions will enable us to elevate our support of the Town Council, Planning Commission, and community. We are fortunate to have someone of Laurel's caliber and experience level joining our team."

"I am excited about working with the Town of Los Gatos to advance its high quality of life and small town values in the delivery of key Town services." said Laurel

Laurel is currently the Assistant Director for the Department of Planning, Building and Code Enforcement for the City of San Jose, where she has worked for 28 years in progressively senior positions. Her experience includes environmental review, General and Specific Plans, historic landmarks, design and project review, and the preparation of community based plans focused on strong neighborhoods. She has a proven track record in innovative public engagement.

"I have worked with Laurel for well over a decade as a community leader and found that she always had the community's interest close to her heart, said San Jose resident Harvey Darnell. "She is very sensitive to the community, listening to our concerns and finding solutions that not only move projects along but also make the community a better place to live."

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Laurel obtained her Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degrees from the University of California at Berkeley. She is the Chair of the Bay Area Planning Directors Association and a member of ABAG's Regional Planning Committee.

"We'll miss Laurel and her talents that have benefited the people of San Jose over many years," said Ed Shikada, San Jose City Manager. "Throughout her long career, she has demonstrated the highest levels of professionalism, leadership and skill that quite literally have helped shape the future of our community. On behalf of San Jose, I congratulate her and wish all the best for Laurel and her new career in Los Gatos."

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