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TOWN MANAGER ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT IN 2015

Los Gatos, CA – Los Gatos Town Manager Greg Larson announced his retirement at the end of 2015 in a letter today to the Town Council (attached.)

Larson said, “This early announcement enables a smooth transition for the Town and gives me the freedom to begin considering future public, private and non-profit opportunities for my encore career.” Larson turns 60 this coming week and is the father of two young children, ages 8 and 10.

Larson’s tenure as Town Manager has been noted for:

- Construction of the new Town Library;
- Opening of the Police Operations Building;
- Acquisition of the Creekside Sports Park;
- Approval of the General Plan, Housing Element and Sustainability Plan;
- Improved Town Finances despite the Great Recession; and
- High employee morale and rebuilding the Town management team

Mayor Marcia Jensen said, "On behalf of the Town, I'd like to thank Greg for his service and many contributions to Los Gatos over the years. I congratulate him on his retirement and wish him the best in all of his future endeavors."

Retired Police Chief Scott Seaman said, “Greg has been an inspirational and creative leader for Los Gatos during some of the Town’s toughest years.” Seaman added, “I was so lucky to work with and for him at the end of my Police career.”

Greg Larson was appointed Los Gatos Town Manager in late 2007 and began serving as Town Manager in January 2008. He previously worked as San Jose’s Deputy City Manager and Director of Environmental Services, California Chief Deputy Controller, Milpitas City Manager, President of United Way Silicon Valley, Planning Director for both Santa Cruz, CA and Scottsdale, AZ. He also worked for several statewide, congressional and local candidates including former State Controller Steve Westly, former Congressman Norm Mineta, and former San Jose Mayor Tom McEnery. Larson is a graduate of Stanford University, where he served as co-student body president.

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Honorable Mayor and Town Council
Town of Los Gatos
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Dear Mayor and Town Council,

I love the work I have done with and for the Town of Los Gatos. Nonetheless, I have spent the past few months considering with my wife and others my options for further growth and development at this juncture in my career. Prompted by the milestone of my 60th birthday celebration this coming weekend, I have concluded that I should pursue new challenges for my encore years.

Consequently, it is with appreciation and excitement that I announce my long-planned retirement from Los Gatos effective the end of 2015. This advance notice provides the Town Council ample opportunity to undertake a thorough recruitment process for the next Town Manager and enables me and the new management team to complete several important projects and transitions currently underway. It is also fitting that Vice Mayor Barbara Spector will likely be Mayor when I retire, as she was the Mayor when I began with the Town eight years previously.

Throughout my tenure as Town Manager, I have been blessed with an exceptional management team, from the one present when I arrived to the one just assembled over the last year. The management team and the entire Town work force remain focused on serving our community with excellence despite economic challenges and changing priorities.

Last, I am proud of all that we will have accomplished together, including:

- Design, construction and opening of the highly acclaimed new LEED Gold Library;
- Construction of the much needed Police Operations Building;
- Acquisition and construction of the long-sought Creekside Sports Park;
- Maintaining Town services and adding to reserves throughout the Great Recession;
- Unanimous approval of the General Plan Update, Housing Element and Sustainability Plan;
- Planning and implementing community reuse of the old Library, Venue and Museums; and
- Initiating significantly increased transparency and community outreach.

As excited as I am about the future, I am equally appreciative of the past opportunities, support and leadership provided by Los Gatos Council members, staff and volunteers.

Sincerely,



Greg Larson
Town Manager