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NEW HIRES JOIN CDD MANAGEMENT RANKS

Community Development Department General Manager Clifford Graves is pleased to welcome two new members to the department's management team. Both individuals bring a wealth of experience from private and public service to their new positions at CDD. "Anyone who reads their bios can see that both men are an asset to any organization they join. I look forward to working with them and I know they will meet any and all challenges that may lie ahead on the road to success for our department," said Clifford Graves.

David Esparza started this week as Assistant General Manager. He will oversee the department's Computer Systems, Financial Management, Human Resources, and Administrative Services and Neighborhood Development Divisions. Mr. Esparza began his career as a Police Officer with the San Jose Police Department, and then moved to government work as a Fiscal and Policy Analyst with California's Office of the Legislative Analyst. More recently, he's worked with both the City and County of San Francisco, first with Mayor Willie Brown's Office of Finance and Budgets and later as Director of Management Budget and Analysis for the Public Transportation Department. Prior to arriving at CDD, he was Chief Financial Officer / Controller with San Francisco's Housing Authority. Mr. Esparza holds two degrees from San Jose State University; a Bachelor of Arts with a History major and a Political Science minor, as well as a Master of Public Administration. He also has a Masters of Public Policy from UC Berkeley.

Michael Bolokowicz is the new Human Resources Director. He joins CDD after a long career at the Department of Public Works, Bureau of Contract Administration, where he managed all personnel activities. He began his City career with the Bureau in 1995 and has been there most of the time. He also worked briefly with the Los Angeles Police Commission's Office of the Inspector General as Officer-in-Charge of the Projects, Audits and Consent Decree Unit. Prior to joining City service, Michael was employed by Bank of America, starting as a teller / customer service representative and promoting to Associate Internal Control Analyst. He holds a Bachelors Degree in Business Administration from Loyola Marymount University.

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The Community Development Department is the City agency charged with administering federal grants from the Department of Labor and the Department of Housing and Urban Development. The department was officially formed in 1977 as an outgrowth of President Lyndon B. Johnson's "War on Poverty" with the mission to serve those most in need. Today the department continues its original mission, but also offers a large number of services to a broad spectrum of the public. For more information on the Community Development Department, please visit our website at www.lacity.org/CDD/ ###