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## **Council Names James Lindsay as City Manager**

On July 2, 2014, the City Council of the City of Saratoga announced that Saratoga Community Development Director James Lindsay has been selected as the next Saratoga City Manager. The appointment comes following current City Manager Dave Anderson's announcement that he will be retiring from the City of Saratoga on July 23, 2014 after close to 14 years of service to the Saratoga community.

"We are very pleased to have James Lindsay as the next Saratoga City Manager," said Saratoga Mayor Emily Lo. "The City Council worked with executive recruitment firm, Avery and Associates, and conducted multiple interviews before ultimately selecting James as the best fit for Saratoga. As our Community Development Director, he has demonstrated the ability to work collaboratively, engage residents, and uphold the values of our community. The City Council is excited to work with James and will support him to ensure his success in his new position as City Manager."

James Lindsay has served as the Saratoga Community Development Director since October 2011. His first day as City Manager will be July 24, 2014.

"The City Council's confidence in my experience and leadership is truly gratifying," said James Lindsay. "Growing up and raising my family nearby has enabled me to maintain a close connection to the City, and an appreciation for Saratoga's values and strong sense of community. I am fortunate to have served as the City's Community Development Director under Dave Anderson's leadership and look forward to building on the foundation Dave has established over the past 14 years. Working closely with the City Council to identify further services enhancements and methods to engage Saratoga's residents will be among my first priorities."

As Community Development Director, Lindsay oversaw several important projects, including an overhaul of the City's sign regulations, completion of a new design review handbook for residential construction, update to the City's General Plan Noise Element and ordinance, implementation of a downtown outdoor music program, and is currently managing the update of the Housing Element of the General Plan.

Before Lindsay joined the City of Saratoga, he worked for the City of Milpitas as the Planning and Neighborhood Services Director. In addition to his extensive planning experience, Lindsay also has private sector experience. He holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Environmental Studies from San Jose State University.