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Placentia Hires New Director of Public Works

PLACENTIA, CA – City Administrator Damien R. Arrula has announced the appointment of Mr. Luis Estevez to serve as Director of Public Works for the Placentia Public Works Department.

In October 2015, the City hired Mr. Estevez as the City's then Public Works Manager to oversee the operations of the Public Works Department, and on July 1, 2016, he was promoted to Acting Director of Public Works. Since his tenure, Mr. Estevez has worked on several notable projects including working closely with the City's management team and the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) on the design and development of the Placentia Metrolink Station and parking structure. Mr. Estevez has also played an active role on the City's project team in preparing the Transit Oriented Development Plan and the Old Town Revitalization Plan.

"His experience managing and efficiently delivering high profile public works projects is much needed in Placentia and with a large amount of projects underway, he continues to be a true asset to our Placentia team. I believe his leadership and work ethic will bring stability to our Public Works Department" said City Administrator Arrula.

"As a former Placentia resident, I am excited and humbled to be serving the community I called home for almost 10 years. Despite some of the significant challenges facing our community, there is also significant opportunity, and I truly believe Placentia's best days are ahead. In working with Administrator Arrula and our City Council, my focus will continue to be addressing quality of life issues for our residents and businesses by seeking out creative solutions and resources to repair and maintain the infrastructure and facilities they depend on each day," said Mr. Estevez.

Mr. Estevez has 18 years of municipal government experience, previously serving as Deputy Director of Public Works for Seal Beach. In addition to his management experience at Seal Beach, Mr. Estevez has served the cities of Lake Forest, Santa Ana, Cerritos, Seal Beach and Buena Park. Over the course of his career, Mr. Estevez has directed and managed the design and construction of major capital improvement projects in excess of \$30 million, including an 86-acre sports complex, streetscape projects, street rehabilitation projects, and park and playground renovation projects. Mr. Estevez will oversee a department of 20 full-time and 6 part time employees providing engineering services, capital improvement projects, traffic engineering, as well as citywide maintenance operations, including the City's sewer utility system.

Luis Estevez will be formally introduced as the new Director of Public Works at the February 7, 2017 City Council meeting.

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