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Placentia Appoints New Assistant City Administrator and Chief Finance Officer

PLACENTIA, CA – City Administrator Troy L. Butzlaff is pleased to announce the appointment of Damien R. Arrula to the position of Assistant City Administrator. Mr. Arrula's first day with the City will be on Monday, April 7.

Mr. Arrula has over 12 years of experience working for several local governments. Prior to his appointment, Mr. Arrula served as the Economic Development Director for the City of El Monte. Mr. Arrula has also worked for the City of Claremont as the Economic Development Officer/Administrative Officer and held several positions with the City of Sierra Madre.

"I am excited that Damien will be joining the Placentia team," said Butzlaff. "He brings over a decade of municipal experience in areas including economic and community development, public works and public safety and his proven leadership and management skills will help to lead our city forward in a positive direction," said Mr. Butzlaff.

Mr. Arrula is a member of the International City/County Management Association and holds a Masters degree in Public Administration from the University of La Verne.

City Administrator Troy L. Butzlaff has also appointed Linda G. Magnuson to the position of Chief Financial Officer. The position, formerly titled Finance Director, has been vacant for four months. Ms. Magnuson has over 25 years of municipal financial experience working for the cities of Downey, Irvine, Diamond Bar, La Palma, and Los Alamitos. Ms. Magnuson began working for Placentia on March 17, 2014 and has implemented several new strategies and processes to help increase workplace efficiency.

"Having worked with Ms. Magnuson at the City of Diamond Bar for six years, I have complete confidence in her abilities," said City Administrator Butzlaff. "Linda is a seasoned municipal finance veteran with a tremendous record of accomplishment throughout her career. I have no doubt that she will provide the necessary leadership and strong fiscal management that is needed to help resolve our fiscal challenges and move the City closer to financial sustainability," said Mr. Butzlaff.

Ms. Magnuson holds a Bachelor in Accounting from New Mexico State University and is an active member of the Government Finance Officers Association and the California Society of Municipal Finance Officers.