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El Centro Appoints new Director of Finance

El Centro, CA, July 16, 2019 - The City of El Centro City Council announced at the Regular Council Meeting of July 16th that action has been taken to approve a contract appointing Richard L. Romero as the new Director of Finance.

"It has been a privilege to have served the City of El Centro in the capacity as the Finance Manager during the last 33 years and I am now honored to serve as the Director of Finance. I have thoroughly enjoyed working for El Centro and the wonderful people associated with our City." Richard is a native of Calexico and has served on various boards during the last 38 years such as ARC, Clinicas de Salud del Pueblo, Calexico City Council and he is currently a board member of the Calexico Unified School District.

Richard has been with the City of El Centro since December 1985 and holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting/Business Administration from the University of San Diego. Richard is a member of the Government Finance Officers Association and the California State Municipal Finance Officers. "Richards's depth of experience in finance and accounting makes him a great addition to the City's leadership team," stated Marcela Piedra, City Manager.

The City's Finance Department oversees the accounting, utility billing, grants, purchasing, and the business license functions in support of the City. Mr. Romero will be responsible for preparing the annual City budget and reviewing the status of major City development projects and financial policies and issues. Mayor Edgard Garcia stated "Mr. Romero has been with the City of El Centro for over 33 years and his strong grasp of the complex factors affecting municipal finances is pivotal to the effective stewardship of public funds. The City is fortunate to have a professional of his caliber on staff."

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