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El Centro Appoints new Public Works Director and Community Services Director

El Centro, CA, July 17, 2018- The City of El Centro City Council announced at the Regular Council Meeting of July 17th that action has been taken to approve two contracts appointing Abraham Campos as the new Public Works Director and Adriana Nava as the Community Services Director.

“Abraham and Adriana are talented and hardworking and bring a wealth of experience to these senior level positions. The Council is pleased that we have a successful succession plan in place to promote from within,” stated Mayor Cheryl Viegas-Walker.

Mr. Campos brings 15 years of project management experience from the private and public sectors. During the past thirteen years, Campos has served the City of El Centro’s Public Works Department, beginning here his career in the public sector as Engineering Technician, and latest as Interim Public Works Director/City Engineer. During this time, Campos has served as the project manager for city projects, such as the El Centro Bus Terminal, Martin L. King Sports Pavilion, Skate Park, SR86 & Interstate 8 landscape beautification project, various road widening projects, yearly street overlay maintenance projects, and is currently helping oversee the construction of the new Aquatic Center.

“I am honored to serve the community where I grew up and to be given the opportunity to continue to help take it forward. El Centro has much to be proud of, and more community enhancing projects are in the works, making this a specially exiting time to serve,” Campos said. “Over the years I have seen the dedication of the Public Works staff in maintaining El Centro’s infrastructure, as well as planning for future growth, and I am looking forward to help the department continue working on exciting and new projects for the benefit of El Centro residents”. As the Public Works Director, Abraham will oversee Engineering, Facility Maintenance, Solid Waste Management, Street Maintenance, Wastewater, and the Water Treatment Division’s.

Campos holds a Bachelor of Science in Architectural (Structural) Engineering from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, a Master of Public Administration from San Diego State University, and is a registered Professional Civil Engineer in California. Campos is a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers and is a board member of the Imperial Valley Emergency Communications Authority.

“During Abraham’s tenure with the City, he has proven himself as a highly capable leader of people and projects. I am very pleased to appoint him as our new Director of Public Works, Abraham has been with our City since 2005 and over the years he has promoting into more challenging positions. He has an impressive range of knowledge and experience and is a well-regarded public works professional. We look forward to Abraham continuing his professional career with our City and look forward to him playing an integral role in the completion of significant capital projects for our City,” stated City Manager Marcela Piedra.

Adriana Nava is a certified urban planner and grant writer with over a decade of experience in community planning and managing multimillion dollar projects. Adriana’s grant writing efforts have resulted in the award of state and federal dollars to local Imperial Valley communities. Adriana began as an Associate Planner with the City of El Centro Community Development Department in 2014, where she successfully helped to secure grant funding, inclusive of a \$648,000 grant for construction of Phase II of Plank Park.

An Imperial Valley native who is passionate about making El Centro a better place to live, work and play, Adriana is a community-minded individual with a strong desire to help others. Adriana holds a Master’s degree in Public Administration from San Diego State University, a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Economy and Spanish from the University of California at Berkeley, and holds membership as a certified urban planner with the American Institute of Certified Planners. In her spare time, she enjoys spending time with her family, travelling to other cities for inspiration, reading, and photography.

Adriana states, “I am honored to have been selected as the Community Services Director for the City of El Centro. I really love what I do, and I have a great appreciation for El Centro’s unique assets and its economic climate. Part of what makes the Imperial Valley great are its people. I plan on continuing to work with the public, business and community stakeholders, and fellow staff in the same way that I have in the past, in a friendly, approachable, and professional way. I am thrilled to begin this new chapter in my professional life, and I am sincerely humbled by the confidence that the City of El Centro leadership has in me.” As the Community Services Director, Adriana will oversee three divisions: Economic Development, Library, and Parks and Recreation.

“I am delighted to appoint Adriana Nava to the Community Services Director position. She joined the City in 2014 as an Associate Planner for the Community Development Department. Adriana is highly motivated and has a strong desire to serve her community. She has proven to be a dedicated, committed, and resourceful individual. Her teamwork, professionalism, and community focus will lead us to a new phase of excellence for the Community Services Department and City,” commented City Manager Marcela Piedra.

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