

## **Mayor and City Council Appoint Dave Sykes as San José’s Next City Manager**

*San José, Calif.* – This morning, Mayor Sam Liccardo and the San Jose City Council unanimously appointed Dave Sykes to become San José’s next City Manager.

*“Dave is exactly the type of leader that we need to move to our city forward,” said Sam Liccardo. “With more than 30 years of experience with the City of San José, Dave brings a wealth of knowledge and proven leadership that will be critical to helping us continue to rebuild our organization and restore the critical public services that our residents deserve.”*

Dave Sykes has more than 30 years of experience with the City of San José and first joined the City workforce as a part-time engineering trainee in 1987. He has spent more than two years as Assistant City Manager, where he has been responsible for overseeing day-to-day across all City Departments. Sykes previously served a long tenure in the City’s Public Works Department, during which he played a key role in delivering more than \$700 million worth of public improvements as part of the “Decade of Investment” and ultimately worked his way up to serve as the Public Works Director and City Engineer. In 2014, he served a short stint as the Interim Director of the Planning, Building and Code Enforcement while the City conducted a search for a permanent director.

Dave Sykes was born in the United Kingdom and moved to San Jose as a child. He graduated from San Jose’s Gunderson High School and then went on to earn both a Bachelor’s and Master’s degree in Civil Engineering from San Jose State University. He and his wife, Elizabeth, have been married for 22 years and have two teenage children.

*“I am honored to lead this amazing organization that I grew up in,” said Sykes. “There are so many exciting things happening in San Jose, and I look forward to continuing my support to the Mayor and Council and serving this wonderful community.”*

According to the San Jose City Charter, the City Manager serves as the Chief Administrative Officer of the organization who is responsible for administering all City operations and staff, managing day-to-day delivery of public services, advising the City Council and implementing their policies. The City Manager is one of five appointees who report directly to the Mayor and City Council.

Sykes will assume the role of City Manager in mid-October following the retirement of current City Manager Norberto Dueñas.

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