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Beverly Hills Selects City Manager

Interim City Manager Mahdi Aluzri Is Top Choice

Beverly Hills, CA – The Beverly Hills City Council has selected Interim City Manager Mahdi Aluzri to be the new City Manager. Mr. Aluzri has served as interim City Manager since the retirement of Jeff Kolin earlier this year.

“Mahdi is a seasoned professional who has done an outstanding job as interim City Manager,” said Beverly Hills Mayor Julian Gold. “His integrity, his leadership skills and his intimate knowledge of Beverly Hills has served our City very well. He is both a practical and creative manager whose skills and principles will guide our City organization and the Beverly Hills community as we move forward.”

Mr. Aluzri, 57, has served in municipal government for more than 30 years. Prior to his appointment as Interim City Manager, he was Beverly Hills’ Assistant City Manager for six years.

“I am extremely honored to be appointed as permanent City Manager,” said Mr. Aluzri. “This is a unique and wonderful community, and I look forward to many more years of providing the highest quality programs and services to Beverly Hills residents and businesses.”

Between 2007 and 2009 Mr. Aluzri was Deputy City Manager for the city of Rancho Cucamonga, where he was in charge of Community Development functions, which include public works, engineering, utilities, planning, building and safety and code enforcement in four departments with a total staff of close to 250 and a budget of over \$25 million.

Mr. Aluzri earlier spent 17 years working for the City of Beverly Hills including 5 years as the Director of the Planning and Community Development Department.

Mr. Aluzri earned a master's degree in Business Administration from Loyola Marymount University and a bachelor's and master's degrees in civil engineering from the University of Southern California. He is member of the American Institute of Certified Planners and is a licensed professional engineer in the state of California.

Following the retirement of Mr. Kolin, the Beverly Hills City Council began its search for a new City Manager, engaging executive search firm Ralph Andersen & Associates to seek out the most qualified candidates nationwide. The City Council conducted interviews the week of Aug. 31.

As City Manager, Mr. Aluzri will oversee a staff of more than 800 employees, and manage the affairs of a municipality operating under a council-manager form of government with an annual budget of over \$400 million. The primary duties of the Beverly Hills City Manager include carrying out the priorities of the City Council, hiring and supervising a staff through 10 department directors, preparing a draft budget each year and researching and making recommendations about issues important to the community.

It is anticipated that the City Council will formally approve the appointment of Mr. Aluzri at the City Council meeting of October 6, 2015.

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