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Office of the City Manager

November 9, 2023

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From:  Dee Williams-Ridley, City Manager

Re: Public Works Leadership Announcement

The City of Berkeley's Public Works Department is undergoing a transition in leadership, as Liam Garland recently resigned as Public Works Director with the City. I am in the process of identifying a seasoned public works professional to provide guidance and support to the department while the City conducts a search for a new director.

In the interim, Deputy City Manager, LaTanya Bellow, will oversee the Public Works Department.

Additionally, following a recent intensive search, the City is currently in the process of bringing on board two new Deputy Directors for Public Works, both of whom are exceptionally qualified for overseeing their respective divisions within the department. The addition of these two new hires will greatly benefit the department in terms of providing additional capacity to move forward key public works projects that are underway or currently in the pipeline.

Future announcements introducing these key new staff members will be released in the coming weeks.

cc: Senior Leadership Team