


Office of the City Manager

July 14, 2014

To: Mayor and Councilmembers
From: Christine Daniel, City Manager 
Subject: Appointment of Chief Resilience Officer

On June 10, 2014 the City Council authorized the acceptance of a generous two year grant from the Rockefeller Foundation that will fund the position of a "Chief Resilience Officer" (CRO) in the City of Berkeley. Along with 33 other cities throughout the world, including San Francisco and Oakland, Berkeley received this grant to support the community's continuing work on emergency preparedness and resiliency to various potential shocks to the physical and economic health of the city. This grant is part of the Rockefeller Foundation's "100 Resilient Cities Initiative."

After conducting a selection process, I have chosen Timothy Burroughs to serve as the City's CRO. He will be an Assistant to the City Manager reporting to the Deputy City Manager and will lead the City's Sustainability Working Group as part of this effort. The CRO is the lead staff person responsible for development and implementation of Berkeley's resilience strategy, including coordinating with City staff and stakeholders in the community. The CRO directly oversees implementation of high-priority resilience projects, including securing funding for resilience initiatives, managing project budgets, formulating work plans, supervising professional staff, and monitoring and reporting progress. The CRO also serves as the City's primary point of contact for the 100 Resilient Cities program.

Mr. Burroughs has been serving as the City's Climate Action Coordinator in the Office of Energy & Sustainable Development. He led the development of the City's Climate Action Plan which was adopted by the City Council in 2009, and has been responsible for developing projects and programs to achieve the goals of that plan since that time. He monitors the City's progress towards its climate goals, develops innovative new policies and approaches to sustainability and obtains significant grant funding for this critical work. Timothy has also contributed to several other City of Berkeley plans and policies, including the Downtown Area Plan and the draft 2014 Local Hazard Mitigation Plan. He came to the City of Berkeley from ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability. ICLEI is an international membership association of local governments working to find local solutions to global warming. There he managed the organization's

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California-based efforts to provide policy and technical assistance to municipalities. Timothy served as a Peace Corps volunteer in West Africa from 1999-2001 and has a master's degree in international environmental policy from American University in Washington, D.C.

Timothy's commitment to resilience, sustainability and climate adaptation work is exceptional and we are fortunate to have him here in Berkeley.

cc: William Rogers, Deputy City Manager
Mark Numainville, City Clerk
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Matthai Chakko, Public Information Officer