



Office of the City Manager

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To: Honorable Mayor and Councilmembers
From: Christine Daniel, City Manager *CD*
Subject: Department Director of Health, Housing & Community Services

After 19 years of service to the Berkeley community, Jane Micallef, Director of Health, Housing and Community Services, has announced she will be leaving the City effective May 12, 2015.

Jane's commitment to Berkeley dates back to her original position as the City's Shelter Plus Care coordinator in 1996. Over the course of her career Jane has worked on many significant projects and programs serving Berkeley's most vulnerable populations, especially a number of affordable housing projects. In 2008 Jane became the director of the Housing and Community Services (HCS) Department and subsequently assumed leadership of both HCS and the Health Services Department in 2011, ultimately overseeing the creation of the new Health, Housing and Community Services (HHCS) Department in 2012.

In her seven years as a department director Jane has brought steady, caring and effective leadership during a time of unprecedented economic volatility. Her vision for a comprehensive and coordinated approach to providing services to Berkeley's most in need communities informed her leadership of the Department. As resources declined and staffing was significantly reduced, Jane sought to reinforce the City's commitment to serving those most in need by creating a stable and sustainable organization. She accomplished those goals and we are deeply grateful for her hard work and perseverance.

While she is leaving the City, Jane is not departing from her commitment to public service. She will be joining the firm of Focus Strategies and continuing her work in the areas of housing and homeless policy development. Please join me in offering our best wishes, thanks and congratulations to Jane as she embarks upon her next chapter.

cc: Department Directors
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