



Office of the City Manager

June 27, 2018

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: *DWR* Dee Williams-Ridley, City Manager

Subject: Deputy City Manager Transition

As you all know, Deputy City Manager Jovan Grogan has been offered the job as the City Manager for the City of San Bruno. Last night, their City Council approved the hire. His last day will be July 11, 2018.

As we conduct a search to fill the position, I will be appointing Paul Buddenhagen as the Interim Deputy City Manager. As the Director of Health, Housing and Community Services for over two years, Mr. Buddenhagen has played a critical role in leading the City through many of our most pressing issues and many of the Council's top priorities, especially affordable housing and homelessness.

Prior to coming to the City of Berkeley, Mr. Buddenhagen had seventeen years of increasingly responsible experience at the Contra Costa County Employment and Human Services Department. As he did in Contra Costa, Mr. Buddenhagen has continually shown not just an ability to manage and lead a complex organization, but he has continued to demonstrate a commitment to helping at-risk populations improve their lives.

The following departments and units will report to Mr. Buddenhagen: Health, Housing and Community Services; Parks, Recreation & Waterfront; Planning; Public Works, and the Assistant to the City Manager overseeing Neighborhood Services, 2020 Vision, Code Enforcement and Animal Services.

The following departments or units will report to the City Manager: Police, Fire, City Attorney, Information Technology, Human Resources, Budget, Finance, Economic Development, ERMA and Public Information.

We are grateful for Mr. Grogan's service to the City of Berkeley. Over the past 21 months, he has played a key role on several key issues: the purchase of the former Premier Cru building for affordable housing, being the point person on the ad hoc committee on homelessness, being the project lead on the Pathways Project, playing a leading role in negotiations and countless other tasks. Please join me in wishing him success in his new role.

cc: Department Directors
Assistants to the City Manager