



Office of the City Manager

September 26, 2011

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: *RK* Phil Kamlarz, City Manager

Subject: Retirement

After a great deal of thought, I have decided to retire from the wonderful City of Berkeley. My last day will be November 30, 2011.

I would like to especially thank Mayor Bates and the members of the City Council. You provide the leadership that truly makes Berkeley the City of innovation and creativity in the midst of extremely difficult economic times.

In over 36 years of public service, the last eight as City Manager, I've come to believe that Berkeley is truly a unique city that is willing to take on any challenge. There are so many firsts that I've had the opportunity to be part of. Few city managers can say that.

I would really like to thank the many members of the Berkeley community that I have met over the years for their support and encouragement. In a community with many divergent views, the willingness to discuss the differences has made my job interesting.

I've been fortunate to work with a truly talented city staff over my 36 years. The current executive team is one of the best ever. They are a group of individuals who truly care about the community and are committed to providing quality services in the most efficient manner possible. I would especially like to recognize Christine Daniel as someone who embodies all the qualities necessary to lead the organization and address the challenges that are facing all cities, not only the City of Berkeley, in the upcoming years.

Needless to say, it takes many to make the City work. I would like to acknowledge all the employees of the City of Berkeley. They are truly a dedicated group.

cc: Christine Daniel, Deputy City Manager  
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