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CITY MANAGER ANNOUNCES NEW DEPARTMENT LEADERS Economic Development, Human Resources and Interim Fire Chief

(Stockton, CA) – City Manager Kurt Wilson announced today the hiring of three new department leaders for the City of Stockton: Economic Development Director Carrie Wright, Human Resources Director Robert Bonner and Interim Fire Chief Dave Rudat.

Carrie Wright, Director of Economic Development

Economic Development Director Carrie Wright joined the City, July 1, 2019. Ms. Wright most recently was the Associate Executive Director for the University of California, Davis, Cal Aggie Alumni Association, where she was responsible for program development and engagement for the University's 250,000 alumni. Prior to her leadership role at UC Davis, she accepted a gubernatorial appointment to serve as the Program Director for the California Exposition and State Fair. There, she partnered with businesses and non-profits to increase programming, events and revenues. Earlier in her career, she was the Director of Marketing and Business Development at Western Fairs Association. She has a B.S. from the College of Agriculture and Environment Sciences, at UC Davis.

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Robert Bonner, Director of Human Resources

Robert Bonner will join the City of Stockton as the Director of Human Resources, effective August 19, 2019. Mr. Bonner has been the Director of Labor Relations for Sacramento County since 2013, where he oversees all aspects of employer/employee relations for 30 employee groups. He has over 13 years of labor relations experience, including positions with both the California State Parks and the California Department of Corrections. He holds a B.A. in History from California State University, Sacramento, and a J.D. from Lincoln Law School, Sacramento.

Interim Fire Chief Dave Rudat

Chief Dave Rudat returned to the City of Stockton this month to serve as the Interim Stockton Fire Chief, having previously served in the same capacity from April 2010, to August 2012. He has 45 years of experience in local government, which began in the fire service. Chief Rudat served as Fire Chief for the City of Orange for nearly two years, then City Manager for 10 years. Since retiring in 2005, he has held a variety of interim positions, including city manager, public works director, deputy county executive officer, and general manager for small and mid-sized communities. For over 12 years, he has been a special advisor with Management Partners, assisting municipalities with strategic planning, reorganization studies, and citywide budget analysis and reviews. In addition, he holds a B.S. in Accounting and Business from California State University, Long Beach, and a Masters, Public Administration, from University of Southern California.

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