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Vernon City Council members appoint Derek Wieske to serve as city's public works director

Vernon, CA – Members of the Vernon City Council today announced the appointment of Derek Wieske to direct the city's Public Works, Water and Development Services department. He currently serves as assistant city engineer for the Long Beach Public Works Department. Mr. Wieske will assume his new position on February 22.

Mr. Wieske is a registered civil engineer with more than 25-years of professional experience and management expertise in municipal capital projects, private development review and city infrastructure improvements, such as roads, bridges and drainage systems, as well as street maintenance, solid waste management, traffic signal improvements and bike infrastructure.

Mr. Wieske will oversee four departmental divisions: Building, Planning, Public Works and Water. Vernon's public works department offers a streamlined, 'one-stop' approach to permitting new development. Developers may process permits and receive project specific information on building and zoning codes, public rights-of-way and water services at the public works department's City Hall counter.

Over the course of his professional career, Mr. Wieske has served as public works director for the cities of Rancho Santa Margarita and Los Alamitos, deputy public works director for Rialto, assistant city engineer for Laguna Beach, civil engineering associate for Lake Forest and civil engineer for Orange.

Mr. Wieske has earned a master's degree in Business Administration and master's degree in Science (Civil Engineering) from California State University, Long Beach. He earned his bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering from University of California, Irvine. He succeeds Samuel Kevin Wilson, Vernon's recently retired public works director.

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Vernon was founded in 1905 to create jobs in California. Vernon's 1,800 businesses create more than 105,000 jobs in the Los Angeles area – including 55,000 jobs within the city's 5.2-mile boundary. The Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation designated Vernon as California's 'Most Business Friendly City.' Vernon generates more than \$330 million in state income and sales taxes, \$1.1 billion in taxable spending. Vernon's businesses provide more than 4.4 billion in salaries and wages annually for workers in Los Angeles County. For more information, go to www.cityofvernon.org.