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Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department Chief Retiring

LIVERMORE and PLEASANTON, Calif. —After 31 years of service to the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department, Chief Jeff Peters will be leaving his post for retirement effective April 2.

Born and raised in Livermore, Chief Peters began his fire service career as a volunteer firefighter in 1990 and was hired as a fulltime firefighter in 1992. He has served in every capacity of the fire department including firefighter, engineer, captain, battalion chief, deputy fire chief, and assistant fire chief. Peters was the first internal promotion to fire chief since the department's inception in 1996.

“For over three decades of fire service, Chief Peters has served with the highest level of professionalism and has demonstrated extraordinary leadership, particularly during an unprecedented time of a pandemic and wildfires,” said Pleasanton city manager Nelson Fialho. “His commitment and compassion to service to our shared communities will be long remembered.”

“Chief Peters has left his mark on our communities. Throughout his various ranks, he helped develop the culture and significantly move the department forward. We thank him for his service and will miss him tremendously. We wish him a long and happy retirement,” said Livermore city manager Marc Roberts.

Peters holds a bachelor's degree in health science from St. Mary's College in Moraga, and is a graduate of Leadership Pleasanton, Legacy Livermore, and Alameda County Leadership Academy. He is a member of the International Association of Fire Chiefs, California Fire Chiefs Association, Alameda County Fire Chiefs Association. Chief Peters also serves on the Alameda County Regional Emergency Communication Center Advisory Board, Las Positas College Fire Technology Advisory Board, and the East Bay Regional Communications System Authority.

For the next 12 months, both deputy fire chiefs Joe Testa and Aaron Lacey will serve as interim fire chief in six-month rotations, beginning first with deputy fire chief of administration, Joe Testa, followed by deputy chief of operations, Aaron Lacey. Prior to the completion of this 12-month period, the cities will initiate and complete a formal

recruitment and selection process for a permanent fire chief, inviting both internal and external candidates to apply.

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