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HEIDI MURPHY APPOINTED AS DIRECTOR OF LIBRARY *Pleasanton Native Returns Home to Run Library*

Pleasanton, CA— Nelson Fialho, City Manager for Pleasanton, today announced the appointment of Heidi Murphy to the position of Director of Library Services for the City of Pleasanton.

“I am pleased to announce Heidi Murphy as our new Director of Library Services. She has distinguished herself as the most qualified person to take the helm and help the City explore options for building a new library,” Fialho said.

Murphy is currently the Library Director for the Town of Los Gatos. During her time in Los Gatos, Murphy played a key role in working with the community and other stakeholders to design and construct a 30,000 square foot modern library, develop and execute a comprehensive Library Strategic Plan, and implement creative library service models and programs for the community. She also has a combination of public and private sector library experience prior to Los Gatos, including experience in public education as a School Librarian. Murphy possesses a BA in Literature from UC Santa Cruz and a Master’s of Library Science from San Jose State University. She is also a Pleasanton native, having attended Pleasanton public schools as a child and teenager, including Amador Valley High School. Heidi and her family currently reside in Los Gatos.

Roughly 50 applicants participated in the recruitment process. Top candidates were invited to participate in interviews with the City Manager and his executive team. Also participating in these interviews were members of various City Commissions, including representation from the Library Commission, Youth Commission and Civic Center/Library Task Force.

“The Director of Library Services has to be able to meet the high standards of service here in Pleasanton. I’m confident Heidi possesses the kind of innovation and progressive leadership style to sustain and improve existing services, while also embarking on the design and construction of a

new library for our community. She is also committed to sustaining the organizational culture of the Pleasanton Library, which includes exceptional internal and external customer service, collaboration, innovation, creativity and a strong sense of mission and purpose throughout all levels of the organization,” Fialho concluded.

Murphy will be responsible for approximately 25 employees and a budget of just over \$4 million. She will also be responsible for delivering a wide range of programs and services to the community through collaboration and partnership with a nine-member Library Commission and the Friends of the Pleasanton Library, a group that supports the mission and purpose of the Library through their volunteer and fundraising efforts. The Pleasanton Library is visited daily by nearly 2,000 people, resulting in 1.5 million items checked out annually to the community. Murphy will start her employment with the City on April 4th.

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