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CITY APPOINTS DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES AND LABOR RELATIONS

PLEASANTON, Calif. — The City of Pleasanton announces the appointment of Veronica Thomas as its new Director of Human Resources and Labor Relations, replacing Debra Gill who retired in April after 22 years with the City of Pleasanton. Thomas' first day of employment is May 23, 2022.

Thomas has a tenure of more than 25 years in public sector human resources, including positions with several cities and counties, as well as with K-12, community college and higher education institutions. Thomas most recently served as the Human Resources Director for the Bay Area Rapid Transit District (BART), where she was instrumental in the implementation of a human resources COVID-19 team, remote work policy, and progressive policing community panel program.

"We are excited to welcome Veronica to the City of Pleasanton team," said City Manager Gerry Beaudin. "Her broad public sector knowledge, deep experience in diversity, equity and inclusion initiatives and key roles in developing and implementing administrative policies are a complement the City's values and I am ready to begin working together as we continue moving the City organization forward."

Thomas earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology from San Francisco State University and a master's degree in Public Administration from the University of San Francisco. She holds a Diversity and Inclusion Certification from Cornell University and completed the Executive Leadership program through the University of California, Davis. Thomas is also a member of the California Public Employers Labor Relations Association (CALPELRA) and the Society of Human Resources Management (SHRM).

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