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San José Mayor Names Wilcox Budget Director

SAN JOSE – Mayor Liccardo announced today that Lee Wilcox, the Interim Mayor’s Budget Director who has been serving since January, has been appointed the Budget Director, leading strategic development of budget and fiscal matters. Wilcox, who has worked in the San Jose City Manager’s office since 2008 prior to joining the Mayor’s staff, had previously served as the Assistant to the City Manager/Downtown Manager.

“Lee brings a combination of budget and management experience that was a tremendous asset to the Mayor’s office, City Council and Administration during our first budget process as it was unanimously approved,” said Mayor Liccardo.

Wilcox’s service over the past seven months as Interim Mayor’s Budget Director has been invaluable to helping Mayor Liccardo as well as the new Councilmembers and their staffs through a successful transition to their new roles. He has worked effectively with the City Manager’s Budget Office to help ensure that the City’s annual budget and the Mayor’s Budget Messages were in practical alignment to accomplish high priority goals for the community in a fiscally responsible manner.

“I am excited and honored to serve in the Mayor’s office and to continue to work for this great City and organization,” said Wilcox.

Following his experience as Chief of Staff for former Councilmember Nancy Pyle, Wilcox joined OED in 2008 as the City’s first Downtown Manager, a position created to be the clear go-to leader for Downtown on behalf of the City. During the closure of the Redevelopment Agency and its Downtown Division in 2012, Wilcox played a critical role in managing the transition to a new model of shared responsibility and stakeholder empowerment for Downtown. His efforts helped sustain confidence in Downtown’s direction and set the stage for the current positive momentum.