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Appointment of Interim City Manager

El Centro, CA – November 3, 2022 – The El Centro City Council took action in a regular Council meeting on November 1st, appointing an interim City Manager. In October, the current City Manager, Marcela Piedra, informed the City Council about her departure from the City of El Centro effective December 1st.

After consideration, Council has asked Interim Fire Chief/Battalion Chief, Cedric Ceseña to serve as the interim City Manager. Mr. Ceseña has agreed, and will serve commencing as of November 11, 2022, while the City Council determines the search and recruitment process for the next City Manager.

Mr. Ceseña started his career as a Firefighter/Paramedic – Fire Captain with the City of Calexico Fire Department in 1997. Then in September of 2010, he went on to work for the Imperial County Public Health Department - EMS Agency as an Emergency Medical Services & Bioterrorism Manager. His responsibilities were to oversee the organization, administration, and implementation of a comprehensive countywide EMS System. He served also as a Medical Health/Operational Area Coordinator, on call 24/7, coordinated a wide range of County and community health, hospital, and pre-hospital emergency response functions during emergencies and disasters.

In December of 2013, Mr. Ceseña joined the City of El Centro Fire Department as Fire Battalion Chief/Public Information Officer. He directs, plans, and oversees the daily response of all-hazard incidents. He implements and evaluates fire prevention, public education, and public relations activities. Aside from all his responsibilities, he also acted on behalf of the Fire Chief. Mr. Ceseña was the Interim Fire Chief from July 2021 to October 2022.

The City Council thanks Ms. Piedra for her 20 years of service and commitment to the City of El Centro, and congratulates her on her new future endeavor.

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