

Proclamation

Honoring Assistant City Manager

Alex Khojikian

WHEREAS, Alex Khojikian, an outstanding and accomplished local government leader, began his service with the City of Redwood City in August 2016 as Deputy City Manager, and was promoted to Assistant City Manager in February 2020; and

WHEREAS, Alex Khojikian joined the Redwood City team with over 14 years of local government experience leading a wide range of city activities including city management, economic development, finance, housing, environmental sustainability, community development and transportation, risk management, parks and recreation, public works, capital projects, community engagement and communications; and

WHEREAS, in his role as Assistant City Manager, Alex Khojikian supported numerous Council policy initiatives and oversaw the functions of communications, community engagement, economic development, housing and homelessness, library, parks and recreation, and public works services; and

WHEREAS, Alex Khojikian revitalized the neighborhood associations throughout the City, supporting direct connections between the City and community members; and

WHEREAS, Alex Khojikian led staff efforts to place two successful City revenue measures on the November 2018 ballot; and

WHEREAS, Alex Khojikian managed the City's transition to district elections for City Councilmembers; and

WHEREAS, Alex Khojikian had numerous accomplishments during his service to the City of Redwood City, including negotiating a complicated land exchange that supported City housing, transportation and open space goals, and developing and implementing economic vitality plans; and

WHEREAS, Alex Khojikian worked directly with community members and with state representatives to create a 24/7 Temporary RV Safe Parking Program, paving the way to meet the needs of housing-insecure community members as well as those living in RVs; and

WHEREAS, Alex Khojikian worked closely with CalTrans and CHP to address health and safety issues associated with homeless encampments on State property in Redwood City; and

WHEREAS, Alex Khojikian has a passion for building community through engaging with community members, businesses and other stakeholders, facilitating collaboration, problem solving, innovation and sound public policy; and

WHEREAS, Alex Khojikian's leadership was put to the test while serving as Acting City Manager in the initial weeks of the COVID19 Pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Alex Khojikian coordinated closely with the City's Executive Team and City Council as the pandemic unfolded, ensuring regular communication, teamwork and decisive action that reassured the City organization and positioned the City to meet community needs in an unprecedented time; and

WHEREAS, Alex Khojikian is a genuinely compassionate individual who consistently strives to build people up and is eager to help the City's most vulnerable residents; and

WHEREAS, Alex Khojikian put both his brain and heart to work in developing a pandemic rental assistance program which has had greater impact than any other city in our county; and

WHEREAS, Alex Khojikian also served as the Acting Community Development and Transportation Director for the last seven months, leading staff efforts to review and oversee construction of countless private and public development projects, transportation and real property initiatives, with a special focus on strategic planning, performance metrics and priority setting; and

WHEREAS, Alex Khojikian is an engaging and incredibly hard worker, demonstrating passion, energy, strategic thinking and drive; and

WHEREAS, Alex Khojikian is deeply committed to his wife and three daughters, spending quality time with his family outdoors biking, fishing and beekeeping; and

WHEREAS, Alex Khojikian's talent and expertise in local government has led him to an exciting new role as the City Manager of the City of San Mateo; and

WHEREAS, Alex Khojikian's boundless dedication and meaningful work will be enjoyed by the Redwood City community for years to come.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, I, JEFF GEE, MAYOR OF REDWOOD CITY, on behalf of the City Council and the Redwood City community, hereby congratulate Alex Khojikian on being selected as the new City Manager for the City of San Mateo, and extend our deepest appreciation for his leadership as Assistant City Manager of Redwood City and his commitment to public service, and wish him all the best as he begins this exciting new chapter in his career.

Date: July 24, 2023




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