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SUNNYVALE NAMES NEW CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER

SUNNYVALE, Calif. – Sunnyvale City Manager Deanna J. Santana has announced that Kathleen Boutté Foster will be the City’s new Chief Information Officer effective Monday, August 29, 2016. Kathleen has a foundation in private-sector management and information technology consulting combined with more than fourteen years of experience in multiple roles for San Mateo County, most recently serving as Deputy Director for the County’s Information Services Department.

“We are making significant investments in mission critical information technology systems to update legacy systems and enhance customer service,” said Santana. “Kathleen’s strong technical skills combined with her collaborative approach and first-hand experience with similar initiatives will enable her to have an immediate positive impact. I couldn’t be more pleased to have her on board to help us deliver services using the level of technology expected by our Silicon Valley community.”

The City is currently working to update many of its internal business systems and information technology tools and infrastructure – from replacing outdated servers, to overhauling the City’s website, to procuring new systems for permitting, enterprise resource planning, constituent response management and public safety records. To support IT-related investments, the City Council approved more than \$15 million in this fiscal year’s budget with the goal of stabilizing these critical primary systems and better serving the community with improved access to information and online services.

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“My philosophy and emphasis has always been to enhance the delivery of public services through the use of technology,” stated Foster. “I believe that technology exists to help us achieve more and accomplish our goals; so I am truly excited to join Sunnyvale’s team and help carry forward the numerous strategic projects they have gotten underway.”

Kathleen received her Master of Public Administration from California State University, Hayward and her Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from California State University, Chico. She also holds Project Management Professional and Lean certifications.

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