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SUNNYVALE SELECTS NEW CITY CLERK

SUNNYVALE, Calif. – City Manager Kent Steffens announced today that David Carnahan will be the new City Clerk. Carnahan is currently serving as a Deputy City Clerk for the City of Palo Alto. He is scheduled to begin employment with Sunnyvale on April 17, 2019 and will be replacing retiring City Clerk Kathleen Franco Simmons.

“David’s diverse City experience and five-year tenure as Deputy City Clerk for the City of Palo Alto has given him the breadth of skills he needs to step into this essential role and hit the ground running,” says Steffens. “We wish Kathleen well in her retirement and know that she’s leaving David with a solid foundation in the Clerk’s Office.”

Carnahan has been with Palo Alto since 2014 and previously worked for the City of Menlo Park for seven years in a variety of capacities, including as Library Assistant and intern in the City Manager’s Office. Prior to that, he was a research assistant for San Francisco State University.

“I’m looking forward to learning the ropes in Sunnyvale and serving the City Council, Boards, and Commissions, as well as helping the community take an active role in their local government,” says Carnahan.

Carnahan holds a Master of Public Administration from San Francisco State University and a Bachelor of Arts from University of California, Davis. He is a member of several professional associations, including the International City/County Management Association, City Clerks Association of California, and the Municipal Management Association of Northern California.

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