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MONTEREY CITY ATTORNEY RESIGNS

Monterey, CA – Monterey City Attorney Deborah Mall announced on Nov. 18th that she is leaving her position with the City to go into private law practice. Mall has served as City Attorney in Monterey since September 2005. Prior to her appointment as City Attorney, Mall had served as Assistant City Attorney in Monterey.

"It has been an honor and a privilege to serve the residents and the City Council, and to work with the City Manager and city staff in my 13 years with the City of Monterey," said Mall. "The City has faced some very complex legal issues over the years and managed to resolve them fairly, keeping the best interests of our citizens in mind."

Mayor Chuck Della Sala accepted Mall's resignation and named Assistant City Attorney Christine Davi as Acting City Attorney. The City Council will provide direction for hiring a new City Attorney during closed session discussions at an upcoming Council meeting. The City Attorney is hired by the City Council.

The City Attorney is the legal advisor of, and attorney and counsel for, the City and all of its boards, commissions, officers, and employees. The City Attorney also

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provides representation of the City before various State and Federal agencies. The City Attorney advises on meeting procedures, including the Brown Act and Ex Parte Communications. Services of the City Attorney's Office include the preparation of formal and informal opinions and advice, and preparation of ordinances and resolutions, permits, contracts and other legal documents.

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