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Beverly Hills Identifies City Manager Candidate Finalist

Beverly Hills, CA – The Beverly Hills City Council has identified Jeff Kolin as the finalist in its search for a new City Manager. Mr. Kolin currently serves as City Manager in Santa Rosa, where he has been for the last nine years. If confirmed, he will replace Roderick J. Wood, who has retired after more than five years in Beverly Hills.

The Beverly Hills City Council began its search for a new City Manager several months ago, engaging executive search firm Ralph Andersen & Associates to seek out the most competitive candidates nationwide. The City Council sought input on the community's priorities for the leadership skills for the next manager through interviews with community leaders, an open meeting and a survey on the City's website. Several applicants interviewed with the entire City Council, which in recent weeks narrowed the candidate field.

Mr. Kolin, 57, has served in municipal government for 33 years. Prior to Santa Rosa, he was the City Manager in Pittsburg, CA. He worked for the City of Santa Clarita for seven years, as Deputy City Manager overseeing Special Projects, Public Works and Parks & Recreation. Before that, he served in positions of increasing responsibility in the cities of Anaheim, Tustin, Newport Beach, Cypress, Westminster and the County of Los Angeles.

Mr. Kolin has served as the President of the League of California Cities City Managers' Department and is a Board Member of the California City Managers Foundation. He is also a member of the Board of Directors of the United Way of Sonoma, Mendocino and Lake Counties, serving as the Campaign Chair in 2009. He has been an active member of Rotary Club for several years. Mr. Kolin is a graduate of California State University Long Beach with a B.A. and M.A. in Sociology.

"Jeff is a seasoned veteran with an outstanding reputation who would bring to our city organization a tremendous record of executive leadership, professional accomplishment and integrity achieved throughout his career," said Beverly Hills Mayor Nancy Krasne. "He is an innovative and creative manager whose skills and principles would help guide our City organization and the Beverly Hills community as we move forward."

As City Manager, Mr. Kolin would oversee a staff of more than 1,100 employees, as the administrator appointed by the City Council to manage the affairs of a municipality operating under a council-manager form of government. The primary duties of the Beverly Hills City Manager include carrying out the priorities of the City Council, hiring and supervising a staff through eight department heads, preparing a draft city budget each year and researching and making recommendations about issues important to the community.

"I am extremely excited about the possibility of coming to Beverly Hills. This is a unique community, world-renowned for its quality of life and top-notch police, fire and city services," said Mr. Kolin. "I would enjoy the opportunity to serve the Council and community and work with City staff to deliver the highest quality programs and service to Beverly Hills residents and businesses."

Mr. Kolin has been married to his wife, Patty, for 27 years; they have two daughters.

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