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## **Eric Blomquist is Hired as the City of Morgan Hill's New Building Official**

**Morgan Hill, CA, November 30, 2016.** The City of Morgan Hill announced this week, that after a lengthy recruitment process for this key position, Eric Blomquist has been chosen as the new Building Official for the City. The Building Official is responsible for the management of all activities of the Building Division including code compliance and building inspection programs; and construction plan check, review and inspection of complex building systems plans, specifications, codes, ordinances and laws.

Eric participated in an interview process which included interviews with the City's Leadership Team, industry experts, "Eric's sincere answers about how he will lead the Building Division, his focus on high quality customer service, and his long term commitment to the City were paramount in the decision to hire him as the next Building Official for the City of Morgan Hill," according to City Manager Steve Rymer

Eric began his career twelve years ago as a Building Inspector. During that time, Eric demonstrated his technical code knowledge and organizational skills for providing a high level of customer service with a challenging workload. Four years ago, Eric was promoted to Supervising Building Inspector with additional responsibilities including overseeing the Building Inspectors, performing minor plan review and overseeing the Building Division in the Building Official's absence.

Ken Deluna, the current Building Official, will be retiring as of December 31, 2016 after 31 years with the City of Morgan Hill. Eric and Ken will work closely during the next month to ensure a smooth transition. Ken Deluna stated, "I'm confident that Eric will be successful and continue to earn the respect of his teammates and the customers we serve. I'm leaving the City in good hands!"

Eric Blomquist will officially start in his new role on Monday, December 5, 2016. His starting annual salary will be \$133,980 annually.

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