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NEWS RELEASE

City of Beaumont Announces Leadership Transition with Interim City Manager Appointment

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Beaumont, CA— On November 18, the City Council appointed Gustavo Romo as Interim City Manager as the organization prepares for the departure of City Manager Elizabeth Gibbs, whose last day with the city will be December 1, 2025.

Ms. Gibbs, who has served the public since 1986, has built a distinguished career across multiple municipal departments, bringing expertise in public policy, project management and design, crisis management, fiscal oversight, and community engagement. Her service to Beaumont spans numerous roles, including Community Services Director (2018–2022), Transit Director (2016–2018), and Interim City Manager (2015–2016). Each position reflects her deep commitment to public service and her strong connection to the Beaumont community.

“Elizabeth’s leadership has left a lasting mark on Beaumont,” said Mayor Mike Lara. “From her ability to guide complex projects to her passion for engaging residents, she has embodied the very best of public service. We are grateful for her decades of dedication and wish her the very best.”

Romo, who has served as Deputy City Manager since March of this year, has over 30 years of experience in local government, strategic planning, and community development. Romo will lead the organization during this transition period and ensure continuity of operations while the city continues its active recruitment for a permanent City Manager.

“The Council is confident in Romo’s ability to guide the organization during this transition period,” said Mayor Mike Lara. “The community can be assured that city operations will remain strong and focused on serving Beaumont’s residents.”

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