



# CITY OF DEL REY OAKS

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Good afternoon Del Rey Oaks!

2020 continues to be filled with unprecedented events. This one is personal.

I have been asked to serve as a Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense in the Pentagon starting next week. I am honored to be asked to serve in this senior civilian capacity. My brother and our son are currently serving in uniform so this call is personal as well as professional. Our home remains the Monterey Peninsula and I look forward to coming home when finished. I requested a leave of absence through February 15. I am very grateful that a majority of the Council approved the unpaid leave of absence. The Council also approved Chief Jeff Hoyne to serve as your Acting City Manager during my leave of absence. Jeff is a strong leader and abreast of the issues. He will serve the City well. Commander Chris Bourquin will be made Acting Chief of Police for the same period. The Police Department will continue to perform with distinction. The City will realize a salary and benefits savings during my absence, which will help the City budget.

Kim Carvalho is resigning from the City after nearly 20 years of dedicated service. She will join her family in Phoenix, Arizona. The staff will send her off safely but with the gratitude she deserves. Please take a moment to email Kim with a thank you note for her commitment to our town. Council approved a contract with Regional Government Solutions (RGS) to provide financial services in her stead. The contract includes our long time financial consultant Roberto Moreno so there will be continuity regarding finance functions.

Council and the public received an update on the South Boundary Road project on Tuesday. Staff's recommendation after receiving the project from FORA in July, is that a roundabout intersection at General Jim Moore and South Boundary Road that avoids impacting Seaside Birdsbeak can be built at a lower cost, more quickly and with less environmental impact than the plan FORA had proposed. Council gave unanimous direction to study this further. Staff will provide an update to the Council and public in several months.

City Hall will be open from 9-5 Monday through Friday starting October 5th for drop-off of ballots. We will ensure public health safety measures are observed throughout.

The City continues to weather the many challenges better than most. It speaks to our community's discipline and compassion. Thank you for being kind to one another, especially in these challenging times. I am so proud of our City team and my association with Del Rey Oaks, its residents and City Council.

Thank you,

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