

City of El Cerrito City Manager to Retire After 17 Years of Service
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El Cerrito, Calif. – July 18, 2018 – Last night, the El Cerrito City Council announced that long time City Manager Scott Hanin will be retiring from the City of El Cerrito at the end of December 2018. Scott Hanin has served as the City Manager for the City of El Cerrito since March 2001. Scott has over 30 years of experience in local government, including positions with the cities of New York, Pasadena, other cities in west Contra Costa County, as well as consulting to public agencies throughout California. Prior to coming to El Cerrito, Scott served as the Executive Director of the West Contra Costa Integrated Waste Management Authority.



In El Cerrito, Scott has focused his efforts on improving the City's budget and financial reporting as well as upgrading the City's technology, public information, and infrastructure. Under Scott's leadership, the City built a new City Hall, the first permanent structure to house the City's employees in over twenty years; restored the Cerrito Theater, winning several historic preservation awards; built the Recycling + Environmental Resource Center; and has invested significantly in improvements along San Pablo Avenue, the City's main commercial route, including signage, streetlights, pedestrian improvement, new street trees and medians. He also lead the effort to fund City street improvements that resulted in El Cerrito's streets from being some of the worst in the Bay Area to the top three best. Scott is responsible for the hiring or promoting of the entire current senior staff of the City.

Scott and his wife Laurel and their two children, Sophie and Eli, have lived in El Cerrito for the past ten years. He has coached youth sports for the Spurs, El Cerrito Youth baseball, and Tehiyah Day School. Scott plans to spend more time coaching youth sports and volunteering for the Milo Foundation where he also serves as a Board Member.

"I am very proud of Scott's many years as City Manager in El Cerrito. Scott's leadership and vision have created a culture of trust and cooperation with the City Council, City staff, and the public," said El Cerrito Mayor Gabriel Quinto. "He has had many accomplishments over 17 years, and I consider the building of our City Hall that gives our residents, businesses, and visitors a true civic center as one of the biggest highlights of his career. He has worked to provide financial sustainability for the City, increased engagement with the community, helped create a sense of place here in El Cerrito, and made the health and safety of our residents his highest priority. We will miss him here, but we wish him the very best for the next chapter in his life."

"It has been a great run here in El Cerrito and just seemed like the right time to step down and take a break to spend more time with my family," said Mr. Hanin. "I have been lucky to have such dedicated City Councils to work with and an amazing City staff that continually raises the bar for public service."

Last night, the City Council also announced the appointment of Karen Pinkos, who currently serves as the Assistant City Manager, to succeed Mr. Hanin as City Manager, effective at the end of December. Ms. Pinkos has over 20 years of local government management experience and has served in a variety of roles within the City organization since September 2001. She is the incoming President of the International City/County Management Association (ICMA) and has served on various state and national professional boards and committees. Ms. Pinkos is an ICMA Credentialed Manager, holds a Master of Public Administration and a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from Oakland University, and is a graduate of the Kennedy School Senior Executives in State and Local Government Program at Harvard University as well as the University of California at Berkeley Executive Program.

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