



CITY OF DALY CITY MEDIA ADVISORY

PRESS RELEASE – January 24, 2023 **City Council Appoints Thomas J. Piccolotti as City Manager**

Daly City, CA (January 24, 2023) – The City Council of Daly City unanimously voted 4-0 to appoint Thomas J. Piccolotti as City Manager at the Council meeting on January 23, 2023. Mr. Piccolotti has been serving as Interim City Manager since August 2022. Mr. Piccolotti has over 33 years of experience in local government, 23 of which have been spent working for the City of Daly City. He has served the City as the Director of Water and Wastewater Resources since October 6, 2017.

During his tenure as Director of Water and Wastewater Resources, Mr. Piccolotti managed the Water and Sanitation Fund Operating Budget of approximately \$70 million annually and the Capital Program of approximately \$8 million annually. He was also responsible for the design, management and coordination of the Vista Grande Drainage Basin Improvement Project, a multi-million-dollar infrastructure project of regional significance. This project is the largest in the history of Daly City and will alleviate flooding as well as provide many environmental benefits to Lake Merced. He represented the City during the renegotiation of the Water Supply Agreement with San Francisco Public Utilities Commission in 2018 and led the development of multi-year rate structures that stabilized both the Water and Sanitation Enterprise Funds.

Mr. Piccolotti's extensive knowledge of the City, familiarity and rapport with Executive Management, City staff, as well as the Boards and Commissions enabled him to seamlessly step into the role of Interim City Manager and effectively move the City forward during his tenure. Over the past five and half months, Mr. Piccolotti worked with the Mayor and City Council to reopen City Hall to the community following a closure of two and half years, bringing the workforce back to work. He successfully reopened in-person Council meetings with a hybrid meeting structure. Mr. Piccolotti also created a Public/Private partnership and received Council approval for a \$1.5 million use agreement and several millions in Capital Improvements with Sacred Heart Cathedral for Marchbank Park. He also successfully oversaw the formation of the Daly City Joint Powers Financing Authority for the purposes of financing the Vista Grande Drainage Basin Improvement Project.

Mr. Piccolotti was sworn into his role by Mayor Ray Buenaventura. His family, including his wife, Shannan, daughter, Marina, son, Tanner and granddaughters, Milania and Madison, brother Jason, sister-in-law, Vanessa and nephew, Vinny were among many in the audience.

Mayor Ray Buenaventura said, "Tom, essentially has been on a six-month interview process as working as the Interim City Manager. He has the respect of the people that work here in Daly City, he has the institutional knowledge that's needed to run an effective city and manage it well. He also has demonstrated strong leadership throughout his tenure of just six months."

Among the many congratulatory remarks from the City Council, Vice Mayor Juslyn Manalo noted, "I am really thrilled to hear that he is willing to accept the challenge as well as the opportunity. You have always been a part of the family in Daly City, now you're going to be taking on a leadership role and I am excited to see you in that place."

Councilmember Glenn Sylvester noted, “He was the one who stepped up to the plate and said, “I’m a team player; I will do what you need me to do.” “I have complete faith and assurance.” “He is up to the task.”

Councilmember Rod Daus-Magbual noted, “I’ve worked with many people across my whole professional career. To me, legitimate leadership is when everybody believes in that leader. And what I’ve seen as Mayor last year, and how Tom navigates through City Hall, through Water Wastewater, to our events with staff, people believe in him.”



In his speech, Mr. Piccolotti acknowledged the Council and said, “Thank you for the confidence and the trust you are putting in me and my ability to carry out the duties of this position. As we move forward, I will perform the duties to the best of my ability and always put the citizens and the staff first. I’ll be reliant on your collective leadership, and I look forward to all the challenges that we face in the next several years.”

Mr. Piccolotti holds a bachelor’s degree in Quality Management from the National Graduate School and is currently pursuing his master’s degree in Professional Communication from the University of Southern Utah. He has served on the Bay Area Water Supply and Conservation Agency (BAWSCA) since 2002.

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