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### **BAKERSFIELD CITY COUNCIL NAMES NEW CITY MANAGER**

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The City of Bakersfield is pleased to announce that the City Council has named Christian Clegg as its next City Manager.

Mr. Clegg was selected from a pool of candidates provided by recruiter Roberts Consulting Group, Inc. He brings 14 years of experience working in local government, including the past five years as the Deputy City Manager of Stockton, California.

"I am very excited for the opportunity to serve the City of Bakersfield," Mr. Clegg said. "I have pursued professional roles that would prepare me to give my best as a City Manager. While those experiences have been rewarding, I am eager to take on this new role, while planting roots in a community that my family can call home."

During his almost nine years in Stockton, Mr. Clegg was a key member of a team that rebuilt the City following bankruptcy. He helped rebuild core City operations during that time, eventually growing into a role responsible for making policy, budget and operational decisions.

For his work guiding Stockton through the bankruptcy process, Mr. Clegg was awarded the 2016 League of California Cities John H. Nail Award for distinguished community leadership by a Deputy City Manager.

He also established and operated the City of Stockton's Office of Violence Prevention, efforts which resulted in a reduction in homicides by 40% and 30% reduction in shootings in 2018. Those results were maintained in 2019.

Mr. Clegg developed the City's Strategic Work Plans from 2014 to 2019, negotiated a new contract with the City's largest community festival to save the City more than \$350,000 over three years, and developed and maintained a balanced budget for more than eight years for the City Council, City Manager's Office and non-

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departmental budgets.

Before coming to Stockton in 2011, Mr. Clegg served the City of Tacoma, Washington for five years, first as a Management Assistant and later Management Analyst. There he led a team focused on addressing neighborhood crime and blight, as well as developing the City's first Performance Management Program. He also led the City's Customer Relationship Management Team in a City-wide effort to develop customer service standards.

He also spent a year (2005-2006) in Johnson County, Kansas as an intern in the County Manager's Office, providing research and project coordination support to the Johnson County Human Services Coalition and analyzed best practices to determine appropriate performance measures and benchmarks for County operations.

Mr. Clegg succeeds Alan Tandy, who retired on January 10, 2020 after serving in the role for 27 years.

Mr. Clegg is expected to join the City of Bakersfield on Monday, March 2. City Attorney Virginia "Ginny" Gennaro will serve as interim City Manager until that date.

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