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## Mayor Libby Schaaf Announces John Flores as New Interim City Administrator

*Oakland, CA* — Mayor Libby Schaaf today announced John Flores as the new interim Oakland City Administrator. California State law prohibits the extension of the current contract for interim City Administrator Henry Gardner, who was appointed in June 2014. This appointment will be presented to the Oakland City Council for confirmation on Tuesday, January 20, and pending Council confirmation, Mr. Flores will assume his new duties on Wednesday, January 21.

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Mayor Libby Schaaf and City staff are working to select a top-notch permanent City Administrator. The search was officially closed last Friday, January 9<sup>th</sup> and the City has received 58 outstanding applicants. Initial interviews will be held the first week of February.

“I regret that the law prohibits us from having consistent leadership from Mr. Gardner until the new permanent City Administrator is hired,” said Mayor Libby Schaaf. “But I could not be more grateful that John Flores, an esteemed and experienced administrator, is willing and able to serve the City in this capacity.”

“It has been an honor to serve Oakland as City Administrator,” said outgoing interim City Administrator Henry Gardner. “But I know that my service to Oakland does not end here. I am committed to supporting my city and supporting our new interim city Administrator, John Flores, because I could not think of a more qualified or capable person for the job.”

“As a longtime Oaklander, I am proud to take on this role and energized about working with the new administration,” said incoming Interim City Administrator John Flores. “I bring a lifetime of public service, managerial experience and a deep respect for Oakland to the City Administrator’s office, and am ready to hit the ground running.”

“Henry Gardner and John Flores are some of our finest public servants,” said Mayor Libby Schaaf. “I want to thank Henry Gardner for his leadership, perseverance and ability to move Oakland forward; his contributions to our city are endless. I appreciate that he will continue to make himself available to support John and the Administration. I also look forward to working with John and to what I am confident will be a seamless transition.”

John Flores brings over 30 years of administrative and managerial experience in municipal government. As City Manager of the City of Emeryville for 19 years, he was prominent in the long- and short-term planning of the city’s future and instrumental in the redevelopment and cleanup of numerous toxic sites in that city. He was previously with the city of Oakland for 11 years, serving in increasingly responsible administrative roles leading to the position of Deputy City Manager. John has a masters degree in public administration from Golden Gate University and an undergraduate degree in social science from San Jose State University. John has been a proud Oakland resident for more than 40 years.

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