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City of Oakland Announces Appointment of Andrew Peterson as its Chief Information Officer

Oakland, CA – The City of Oakland is pleased to announce the appointment of its new Chief Information Officer, Andrew "Pete" Peterson, effective Monday, March 6, 2017. Peterson was selected following an extensive national search.

Mr. Peterson is an application platform and enterprise software veteran with more than 25 years in the Information Technology industry. He was most recently the Chief Operating Officer of ConnectSolutions in San Francisco and previously, the Chief Technology Officer for Up Communications in Oakland. Prior to that he was the Vice President of Technology and Operations for Xtiva Financial Systems.

"Pete brings valuable private sector insight that will help the City embrace the latest IT solutions to more effectively deliver services to the Oakland community," said City Administrator Sabrina Landreth.

Mr. Peterson has built a successful career leading experienced software development teams and running SaaS data center operations. He has extensive experience leading teams of IT professionals in engineering, network operations, customer support and service delivery. We look forward to him bringing that experience, as well as his commitment to the digital transformation of services, and expanding the use of data analytics, to the Oakland team.

Mr. Peterson will direct about 70 staff members engaged in enterprise services, information systems, application development, database administration, server and desktop support, networking and telecommunications. His team is also responsible for IT customer service, hardware devices and all internally and externally facing software applications.

"I am thrilled to be joining this committed team of folks and collaborating on how to best utilize technology to improve digital access and delivery of services to our Oakland community," said Mr. Peterson. He indicated that in deciding to accept this position, a strong motivation for him was the special importance of working for his hometown.

"Effective use of technology has the power to help the City drive our goals around safety, transportation, housing and development, and is a critical part of our efforts to be the open and transparent government our Oaklanders deserve," said Mayor Libby Schaaf. "I want to thank Katano Kasaine who has led this department on an interim basis since 2015 while we conducted our search, and the entire Information Technology department for their professionalism and patience these past months. Pete is the right person with the right skills for this position and I look forward to a smooth transition."

Mr. Peterson has a Master of Business Administration from the University of San Francisco and Bachelor of Science in Computer Science from Purdue University. He is a committed Oakland resident and has served with a number of community organizations including Links, Inc.; La Clinica de La Raza and the East Bay College Fund.

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