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NEW TECHNOLOGY FOR CITY IMPROVES OPERATIONS & EFFICIENCY EMPLOYEE COLLABORATION & PRODUCTIVITY

(Stockton, CA) - The City of Stockton announced today the implementation of new technology that provides a consolidated e-mail system, new office software applications, shared calendaring and document management in a cloud-based system. Implementation is underway and will be completed within the next couple of months, with the most visible change to the public being new e-mail addresses for City employees.

The Stockton City Council approved a Citywide Technology Strategic Plan in June 2012. The plan places a priority on technology to facilitate and support the Council's strategic targets and priority goals. The plan included creating a separate Information Technology Department and hiring a director with the vision and leadership to implement the technology needed.

City e-mail addresses have changed; e-mail addresses for City employees have changed domain name from @stocktongov.com to @stocktonca.gov. Individual e-mail address still include an employee's first name and last name, followed by the new domain name. For example: first.last@stocktonca.gov. Messages sent to the former e-mail address will forward to the new e-mail.

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“As we expand our investments to focus on employee productivity, Microsoft’s approach to collaboration made Office 365 our first choice for providing accessible, productivity work stations to over 1,500 technology users,” said Nabil Fares, Director of Information Technology.

The City’s focus on openness, transparency, data-driven intelligence and modernization are the impetus for replacing the current system. Office 365 will support long-term goals of the City and meet the needs of the employees and the community of Stockton by unleashing the potential of its employees to improve productivity and collaboration and empowering its workforce. Specifically, Office 365 will provide several key benefits to the City of Stockton and its employees, including:

- Expands the productivity of its more than 1,500 technology users, reduces operational costs, and delivers improved services to the community of Stockton.
- Provides an investment in technology that will allow employees to collaborate with each other.
- Improves employee capabilities and capacity and allow for easy adaptation to a cloud-based platform.
- Delivers a single operating platform that consolidates email systems, access to familiar office products, shared calendaring, and document management in a cloud-based system.

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“These are exciting improvements for the City of Stockton, as we make much-needed changes to our technology and systems,” said Laurie Montes, Deputy City Manager. “Nabil joined the City as the IT Director in December 2014, coming from the State of California, where he has been recognized as one of the most strategic and forward-thinking CIO’s in his time. He recommended the implementation of Office 365 as a business solution to our needs, which he has accomplished with the support of the IT Department in just a few short months.”

For additional information about technology improvements at the City of Stockton, please visit www.stocktongov.com/IT.

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