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CITY MANAGER NEW LEADERSHIP APPOINTMENTS ***Deputy City Manager and Director of Community Development***

STOCKTON, Calif. – Stockton City Manager Harry Black has announced his selection for two key leadership positions, appointing Maraskeshia Smith as Deputy City Manager and William Crew as Director of Community Development.

Deputy City Manager Maraskeshia Smith

Maraskeshia Smith has more than 20 years of government experience and is a recognized leader in performance management and data-driven decision making, with a focus on civic engagement, enhancing and revitalizing neighborhoods, creating strong teams and promoting trust in government through transparency and collaboration.

“I worked with Ms. Smith at the City of Cincinnati, where we experienced first-hand her efficiency, effectiveness and success as a leader,” said City Manager Harry Black.

“We are very excited that she will be coming to work with us in Stockton. Her vision, creativity and energy are just what we need as we transition through this period of unprecedented times and transform the way we deliver services to the community.”

Most recently, Ms. Smith has served as Assistant City Administrator for the City of Oakland, California, where she leads efforts related to homelessness, affordable

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housing, land use and economic development. As Deputy Director, then Director of Public Works for the City of Cincinnati, Ohio, she led the department for nearly ten years, managing daily operations of traffic and roads, sanitation, facilities and fleet management. Her major achievements include LEED Platinum and Net Zero Energy construction, implementing the Capital Acceleration Plan, and the Fix It Cincy! App.

“I am honored to be selected as Stockton’s next Deputy City Manager,” shared Ms. Smith. “Stockton is a city with a bold vision and commitment to community. I look forward to supporting City staff to ensure they consistently deliver the best services.”

Ms. Smith holds an MBA from Eastern Kentucky University and a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from the University of Kentucky. She will join the City of Stockton on Monday, May 4.

Director of Community Development William Crew

William Crew will begin work with the City on Friday, May 1, as the Director of Community Development. With over 25 years of successful leadership and management experience, both private and public, he comes to Stockton with a strong background in construction, development, and local government as a building official for the cities of Livermore, Elk Grove, Modesto and Clark County, Ohio.

“Mr. Crew is a great addition to our leadership team at this very important time in our city’s transformation,” said City Manager Harry Black. “He, too, has a proven track record of organizing and leading highly effective and collaborative teams, as well as finding efficiencies and providing cost effective solutions to complex problems.”

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For the last six years, Mr. Crew has been the regional manager for a municipal consulting firm that provides building safety, planning, and engineering services to local government. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Industrial Technology from Bemidji State University, Minnesota, and is a Certified Building Official, Certified Building Inspector, Certified Commercial Building Inspector with the International Code Council.

“I believe that government and industry should be working together, hand-in-hand,” said Mr. Crew. “We all have the same goals, creating strong, healthy communities, while delivering friendly, efficient service to our customers. I look forward to continuing to work directly with the City of Stockton in this new role.”

The appointment of Ms. Smith is to fill one of two Deputy City Manager positions. The search for a second Deputy City Manager is still in-progress.

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