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## **City of Atwater Announces the Expected Appointment of City Manager**

**Atwater, CA** - The City of Atwater is pleased to announce the expected appointment of Chris Hoem as the City Manager. The City Council will consider and vote on his appointment at its next regular City Council meeting on Monday, June 24, 2024. His tentative start date is Tuesday, June 25, 2024.

Chris brings considerable experience to the role having served as a department head for communities across the Western United States, most recently as Community Development Director at the City of Ceres. Between 2019 and 2021, he also served as a land use advisor and policy analyst for Mike Wasserman, who was at that time the President of the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors. Chris holds a Bachelor's degree from Brigham Young University in Urban, Rural, and Environmental Planning, and a Master of Public Administration degree from San Jose State University.

Mayor Mike Nelson expressed his enthusiasm for the anticipated appointment, saying, "Chris Hoem's leadership and experience set him apart. We went through an exhaustive search with the help of a professional recruitment company and had some excellent candidates to choose from. Chris rose to the top and I look forward to working with him to make great things happen in Atwater."

With family roots in Northern and Central California, Chris commented on moving forward with the City of Atwater, saying, "I am honored to serve a community as resilient and well-respected as the City of Atwater. Atwater is in a unique position, with exciting opportunities, and I am eager to work with the staff, City Council, residents, and businesses to help the city thrive."