

Dear Recap Readers,

I think this news is important for residents to know about and therefore I am forwarding the Interim CM's letter to staff on this development. Mr. Weiner previously served in this capacity for the City of Carmel, with a population of 3,160.

I do not rejoice in anyone's departure but over the course of Mr. Weiner's tenure many, many residential projects were approved that made those involved and those observing their approvals, very uncomfortable.

I would like to ask residents to contact me if they have experienced issues with approvals of any residential projects or other concerns. Please also describe the project and provide a summary of the issues encountered. Now is the time to "clean the slate" so to speak and resolve outstanding issues, if we can.

Thanks, George

Dear Community Development staff,

Marc Wiener, Community Development Director of Laguna Beach since December 2019, has decided to leave the City effective immediately to pursue other professional opportunities. I wish to thank Marc for his contributions these past 4 years and to wish him well in his future endeavors. Marc is proud of his time in Laguna and of the many friends he made along the way.

Public Works Director Mark McAvoy has accepted my request to serve as Acting Community Development Director while the City conducts a recruitment to fill the vacancy created by Marc Wiener's departure. Throughout this interim period Mark McAvoy will work closely with Assistant Community Development Director Matt Schneider to provide continuity of department leadership that provides services upon which so many residents rely every day. Mark McAvoy is committed to his regular leadership position in Public Works and is not a candidate for the position.

Mark McAvoy has assigned City Engineer Mark Trestik, a 23-year veteran of Laguna Beach, as Acting Public Works Director during his assignment. The two will remain in regular communication to ensure no disruption of operations in Public Works and to facilitate a smooth transition upon McAvoy's return to Public Works. I am confident that the depth and breadth of talent in Public Works will allow for Mark McAvoy's temporary absence without reducing service to the public.

I appreciate the significance of the impact of an organizational transition of this magnitude. I also have enormous confidence, considering all that I have witnessed of the extraordinary capability of the individuals and teams that comprise the City of Laguna Beach, that we will rise to the occasion and thrive.

I encourage employees of the Community Development Department to continue in your effort to provide high quality services to those you serve. I look forward to supporting you directly, and through Mark McAvoy, to help the Community Development Department perform at a level of our greatest aspirations.

Finally, I will take this occasion to advise you that the Mayor and City Council will conduct interviews this weekend with two remaining city manager candidates to determine who is best qualified to achieve the lofty ambitions of the City Council, community, and organization. I know, first-hand, that the City Council seeks an individual that truly deserves to lead this proud organization.

Thank you for all of your support along my journey here, and in the time ahead through this period of transition.

Sean Joyce, Interim