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## **CITY OF CHINO HILLS SELECTS NICHOLAS LIGUORI AS THE NEW COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR**



*Nicholas Liguori has been selected as the new  
City of Chino Hills Community Development Director.*

Chino Hills, CA – The City of Chino Hills has selected Nicholas Liguori, AICP, as its new Community Development Director. Mr. Liguori will step into the role effective June 26, 2023, to fill the vacancy created after Community Development Director Joann Lombardo retired in March. Mr. Liguori brings extensive experience in strategic planning, land use, zoning policy development, and community engagement from his nearly 20-year career with the neighboring City of Chino where he was an integral part of their leadership team.

“The City Council and I are thrilled to have Mr. Liguori join the City of Chino Hills executive team,” said City of Chino Hills Mayor Peter Rogers. “We are looking forward to having Mr. Liguori collaborate with staff, residents, and businesses to ensure responsible development in Chino Hills that preserves our City’s beauty, open space, and hillsides, while meeting the evolving needs of our community.”

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Mr. Liguori is a skilled leader and planner who has successfully overseen communitywide projects, negotiated major development agreements, and strategically led the City of Chino through its growing development. Prior to joining the City of Chino Hills, he spent nearly 20 years in various positions with the City of Chino’s Development Services Department, most recently as Director of Development Services for the past five years and as Community Development Director for four years prior to that. Mr. Liguori successfully led the City through a comprehensive General Plan update and two Housing Element updates, which will be instrumental as the City of Chino Hills completes its current General Plan Update and implements the City’s new Housing Element.

“I am excited to welcome Mr. Liguori to the City of Chino Hills,” said Chino Hills City Manager Benjamin Montgomery. “His impressive background and expertise attained from a 22-year municipality career will be instrumental in guiding our City’s development in a manner that reflects our community’s priorities. His economic development knowledge will also be invaluable to our City.”

In his new role, Mr. Liguori will oversee the Community Development Department with Planning, and Building and Safety Divisions. He will lead a team of 16 staff members who serve Chino Hills residents and businesses by assisting, regulating, and preserving residential and commercial development within the City. The Community Development Department strives to maintain the aesthetic beauty of Chino Hills while enhancing the quality of life of its residents and ensuring the protection of public health, safety, and welfare within the City. Mr. Liguori is also skilled at developing and implementing more efficient and streamlined customer service level standards to make the development process more efficient.

Mr. Liguori earned a master’s degree in public administration from California State University, Northridge and a bachelor’s degree in urban and regional planning from the California Polytechnic State University, Pomona. He is also a Certified Planner through the American Institute of Certified Planners. Mr. Liguori and his family are no strangers to the Chino Valley as longtime residents of Chino. He enjoys spending time with his family in the outdoors, gardening, camping and backpacking, as well as hiking on the City’s extensive trail system.

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