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## **Laguna Hills City Council Unanimously Appoints Bob Wingenroth as Next City Manager**

*Tenured City Manager and Finance Expert Returns to Orange County Municipal Leadership*

LAGUNA HILLS, CA: After an extensive nationwide search, the Laguna Hills City Council is pleased to announce the unanimous appointment of veteran local government executive Bob Wingenroth, as the next City Manager of Laguna Hills.

Currently the City Manager of Surprise, Arizona, Mr. Wingenroth brings over 25 years of local government executive leadership experience to the City of Laguna Hills, including 10 total years as a City Manager. In addition to serving as the City Manager of Surprise, Arizona, he has also served as the City Manager of Anaheim, Principal Deputy City Controller of Los Angeles, and Finance Director of Huntington Beach and Phoenix, Arizona.

Mr. Wingenroth is a tenured city manager and public finance expert, helping the cities of Phoenix and Surprise achieve AAA credit rating and financial resiliency. Additionally, he has focused on creating a business-friendly environment, where businesses large and small are welcomed and celebrated.

“The appointment of an experienced City Manager with a proven track record of municipal excellence to this key leadership position is a major win for Laguna Hills,” said Mayor Joshua Sweeney. “Mr. Wingenroth’s financial acumen combined with his servant leadership approach will enable our Council and staff to continue our focus on a vision and set of priorities that will shape the future of our great City.”

Mr. Wingenroth holds a Master’s Degree in Business Administration and a Bachelor’s Degree in Business, both from Arizona State University. He is also a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) and is licensed in the states of California and Arizona. Honors and distinctions include being a Luke Air Force Base Honorary Commander and a recent ceremony in which his 45 years of total public service was celebrated.

Mayor Pro Tempore Don Caskey added, “The entire Council is thrilled to welcome Mr. Wingenroth as our next City Manager. Having spent much of his career leading communities right here in Orange County, he brings not only deep professional expertise, but also an authentic understanding of the unique opportunities and challenges our community faces. His proven track record of helping local businesses thrive, building strong partnerships across public and private sectors, and improving quality of life makes him the right leader at the right time for Laguna Hills. We’re excited about the future we’ll build together with his leadership.”

“I am so grateful to the Mayor and City Council for their trust and belief in me,” Wingenroth said. “Laguna Hills is the American Dream. The City has a strong foundation, dedicated staff, engaged residents, and a City Council fully committed to serving the community.”

Bob Wingenroth’s employment agreement was unanimously approved by the Laguna Hills City Council at its regular meeting on Tuesday, October 14, 2025, in open session. His anticipated start date is December 1, 2025.

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