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Grover Beach City Council Appoints Desi Lance to Fill Council Vacancy

GROVER BEACH, CA – On January 7, 2019, the Grover Beach City Council appointed Desi Lance to the vacant City Council seat created by the November 2018 election of Council Member Jeff Lee as the City's new Mayor. The City Council had previously decided to fill this vacancy by appointment rather than by holding a special election and invited registered voters in Grover Beach to apply to serve the remaining term of the position until December 2020. Applications were accepted through December 21 with 13 applications received including one non-qualified application from a non-resident. Following the withdrawal of two applicants, 10 applicants participated in interviews with the City Council on January 7 where the Council subsequently appointed Ms. Lance to this vacant position.

Ms. Lance is a Central Coast native and a practicing business immigration attorney who has worked for PricewaterhouseCoopers and ASG Immigration Limited before her current role as a self-employed contract attorney. She moved to Grover Beach with her family after living in London, England and Chicago, Illinois. Ms. Lance also works with the San Luis Obispo College of Law where she is the supervising attorney of Law Line, a legal hotline and referral program.

"I am excited about this opportunity to serve the community where my family and I have put down roots and call home," Council Member Desi Lance said. "I look forward to working with residents to understand their desires, brainstorm solutions, and collaborate to make solutions become a reality."

"The City Council was pleased to appoint Ms. Lance as a Council Member and she will bring a fresh voice and perspective to the Council," said Mayor Jeff Lee. "I also want to thank the other applicants for their interest in this position and encourage them to remain involved in helping our community."

Following her appointment, Ms. Lance was sworn into office during the January 7th meeting and took her place on the City Council. With her appointment, the Grover Beach City Council now consists of Mayor Jeff Lee, Mayor Pro Tem Mariam Shah, and Council Members Desi Lance, Barbara Nicolls, and Debbie Peterson.

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