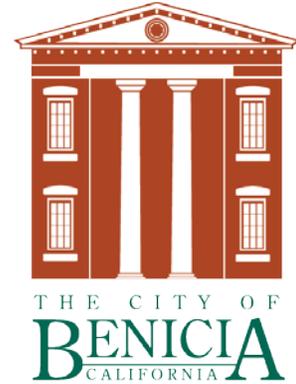


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**City of Benicia Announces Appointment of Brad Misner as Community Development Director effective January 27, 2020**

**Benicia, CA (January 2, 2020)** — City Manager Lorie Tinfow announced today that Brad Misner has been hired to serve as Benicia's Community Development Director. His first day will be Monday, January 27, 2020.

Mr. Misner brings more than 20 years of experience in urban planning to the position, most recently as Community Development Director with the City of Millbrae. Prior to that position, Mr. Misner served as the Director of Planning and Neighborhood Services with the City of Milpitas and moved up the ranks from Assistant Planner to Principal Planner for the City of Santa Monica. His professional experience is very broad with key accomplishments that include negotiations of a development agreement application authorizing the construction of a 140,000 square foot bio-technology campus and preparation of a new Affordable Housing Ordinance. He also supervised negotiations on several development agreement applications for hotels, a car dealership and several mixed-used, urban in-fill projects ranging from new high rise and low-rise residential, hotel, and commercial developments.

In his new role, Misner will oversee and lead all aspects of the Community Development Department including current and advance land use planning, housing, and building permit issuance, and provide support to three commissions: Planning, Historic Preservation Review, and Community Sustainability.

Mr. Misner was selected from several top candidates following a thorough statewide recruitment process conducted by executive recruitment firm, Peckham & McKenney, Inc. "Mr. Misner's experience is a great match for our current efforts related to economic development and responding to the housing crisis," said City Manager Lorie Tinfow. "His passions for customer service and for staff development are highly aligned with our needs. I'm thrilled that he will be joining the team!"

Mr. Misner holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Geography and Group Social Science from Western Michigan University and received the American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP) certification in 2001.

Mr. Misner lives in Danville with this wife and daughter.

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