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City of Huntington Park Announces New Mayor Selection and Interim City Attorney Appointment *City Council Ensures Smooth Leadership Transition and Steps to Ensure Legal Stability*

HUNTINGTON PARK, CA – March 17, 2025 – The City of Huntington Park conducted its Mayoral Reorganization & Installation Ceremony as part of the City Council meeting on Monday, March 17, 2025. By majority vote, the City Council selected Vice Mayor Arturo Flores to serve as the new Mayor of Huntington Park.

Mayor Arturo Flores has served on the City Council since September 2022. Born to immigrant parents from Zacatecas, Mexico, he is one of ten children raised by a single mother who has been a member of SEIU Local 99 for the past 18 years. In 2007, Mayor Flores enlisted in the United States Marine Corps as a Military Police Officer and later became a Military K9 Trainer. He completed two combat deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan, reinforcing his commitment to civic duty and service. Following his military service, he earned an Associate of Arts in Social and Behavioral Science from Southwest College while working as a Youth Counselor for Optimist Youth Homes and Family Services. His dedication to fostering youth and veterans led to continued advocacy efforts at the county, state, and federal levels. In 2017, he obtained a bachelor's degree in political science from the University of California, Los Angeles.

"Although I am now the Mayor of Huntington Park, I recognize that this is a team effort among the city council. I look forward to collaborating with my colleagues for the benefit of our community," stated Mayor Flores. "This is a crucial time, and transparency and accountability to our residents are of utmost importance. I am committed to maintaining an open-door policy to discuss matters that impact us all, while striving to implement initiatives that will enhance our community."

In addition to the mayoral reorganization, the City Council addressed the selection of an interim City Attorney following the resignation of City Attorney Arnold M. Glasman on February 28, 2025. Recognizing the essential nature of the City Attorney's role, the Council acted to ensure continuity of legal services.

The council selected Attorney Andrew Sarega as interim City Attorney. Since December 2024, Andrew Sarega has provided legal services to the City under a Special Counsel Agreement. During this time, he has gained extensive knowledge of the City's legal landscape, pending litigation, and municipal operations. His familiarity with ongoing legal matters makes him a suitable candidate for the interim appointment. The existing agreement with Alvarez-Glasman & Colvin which included a 30-day notice requirement in the event of resignation was waived, given the City's immediate need for uninterrupted legal representation.

Andrew Sarega began his professional career with the Newport Beach Police Department, where he served in multiple capacities, including gang suppression, reserve coordination, and detective bureau assistance. He also served as Vice President of the Police Officers Association. After passing the California Bar Exam, he worked for Olivarez Madruga Law Organization before establishing his own law firm. He currently serves as General Counsel for the Bellflower Unified School District.

Mr. Sarega holds a Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice from California State University, Fullerton, a Master of Public Administration from National University, and a Juris Doctor from Chapman University, Fowler School of Law.

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Founded in 1906, Huntington Park is a thriving city in the heart of Los Angeles County. Spanning just three-square miles, it is home to a vibrant community of over 61,000 residents. With a rich history and a strong sense of community, Huntington Park continues to be a hub for culture, commerce, and opportunity in Southern California.