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CASTROVILLE HIRES MARIE GELLES TO SERVE AS CITY ADMINISTRATOR

Castroville, Texas -- Following an extensive recruitment process that attracted more than 32 candidates, City Council unanimously voted today to select Marie Gelles as City Administrator, effective immediately. She replaces Mark Roath, who resigned for family reasons in December.

Mayor Jeff Gardner stated, "City Council is extremely impressed with Ms. Gelles background in economic development, financial acumen, and high ethical standards. She is clearly a skilled and respected professional city administrator who will bring a tremendous amount of value, transparency, and innovation to Castroville. Marie is no stranger to our City, having worked as Director, Administrative Services, for the past five years. Since December, she has also functioned very effectively as our interim City Administrator. We welcome her to this new position, and look forward to a positive and productive association."

Ms. Gelles' experience in municipal government spans over thirty years. She worked for the City of San Antonio in their Budget & Research Department, and then with Bexar County, where she served as the Assistant Commissioner Court Administrator. She was also employed by San Antonio Water System (SAWS) where she managed its economic development efforts. Additionally, she has served as City Administrator for the City of Helotes, Texas, and City Manager for the City of Cuero, Texas.

Ms. Gelles holds a Bachelor of Arts and Master of Public Administration and Policy degree, both from the University of Nevada, Reno. She is a member of the International City Managers Association (ICMA), Texas City Management Association (TCMA), and Governmental Finance Officers Association (GFOA).

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