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ATTENTION: Honorable Mayor and City Council

SUBJECT: Appointment of Deputy City Manager/Chief Information Officer

SUMMARY

THIS IS AN INFORMATION ITEM ONLY. NO ACTION IS REQUIRED ON THE PART OF THE CITY COUNCIL.

I am pleased to announce the appointment of Reynaldo Arellano to the position of Deputy City Manager/Chief Information Officer. Mr. Arellano was selected from a highly competitive group of applicants responding to a national search. As you recall, Ms. Dianah Neff left this position with the city last spring just after completing and presenting the first citywide Information Technology Strategic Plan.

Mr. Arellano will direct the efforts of the city's Information Technology & Communications Department (IT&C), which encompasses 70 full-time employees and a \$6.9 million operating budget, as well as continue to lead the strategic approaches to governing the use of citywide IT related infrastructures and standards. Mr. Arellano will work closely with the Mayor and Council and the Management Team, and the San Diego Data Processing Corporation (SDDPC) to facilitate the successful delivery of excellent IT services citywide.

Mr. Arellano is currently the Group Manager, Project Global Finance SAP, of Ryder Systems, Inc., based in Miami, Florida, where he managed the installation of major financial reporting systems (SAP) for general ledger, financial forecasting and accounts receivable for international employees in the United States, United Kingdom, Argentina, Brazil and Mexico. Mr. Arellano also handled the Y2K Conversion Task Force at Ryder Systems. Prior to his work with Ryder Systems, Mr. Arellano was the Officer in Charge of the Space and Naval Warfare System Center (SPAWAR), Chesapeake Detachment, in San Diego, where he was responsible for providing business and maintenance software for ships and aviation within the Pacific Fleet while managing 70 employees.

Mr. Arellano's professional background includes 22 years as a United States Naval Officer, performing in various assignments such as Chief Staff Officer of a Nuclear Submarine Squadron, Strategic Policy Analyst, and Officer in Charge/Director for Pacific Fleet Support at SPAWAR. Most recently Mr. Arellano has worked as a Group Manager in the Information Technology Department for Ryder Systems, Inc., in Miami, Florida. He holds a Masters of Science in Information Management from Marymount University, Virginia, and a Bachelors of Science in Physics from the United States Naval Academy. Mr. Arellano and his family will be relocating back to San Diego in mid-January.

Please join me in welcoming and congratulating Rey on his appointment.

Respectfully submitted,

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City Manager