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**City of Cupertino Hires Jeff Milkes as
Recreation and Community Services Director**

CUPERTINO, CA – The City of Cupertino is proud to announce the hiring of Jeff Milkes as the City's new Recreation and Community Services Director. Milkes brings 32 years of parks and recreation experience, including formal education in recreation development and management. He will start with the City on January 9, 2017.

"We chose Jeff for this position for both his leadership characteristics and his decades-long management experience in parks and recreation," City Manager David Brandt said. "It's great to have someone of his pedigree on board. We're lucky to have him in Cupertino."

Milkes most recently served as the Parks and Recreation Manager for Southeast Portland, Oregon, a position he held since 2005. He managed 90 parks and properties, seven community and arts centers, and thousands of recreation programs and classes while overseeing a \$10 million dollar budget that served a population of more than 380,000 people.

Milkes's past experience includes leading recreation programs at several military bases and teaching leadership and management courses at the undergraduate level.

"I chose to come work for Cupertino's Recreation Department because it's a department that's about to chart its own course in terms of completing its Master Plan," he said. "It's an exciting time to get in on the ground floor and watch it grow."

"I also look forward to working with the department's talented group of employees. I believe I can bring a level of innovation and support that will help energize them in the field."

In November 2011, Portland Parks and Recreation received the National Gold Medal Award for Excellence in Park and Recreation Management. Milkes said his goal is to bring that same level of quality of effort and planning to the City of Cupertino.

Milkes holds a master's degree in Recreation, Tourism, and Resource Development from Texas A&M University and a bachelor's degree in Recreation and Park Management from the University of Oregon.

Milkes has been married to his wife Tammie for 35 years. They have three grown children.

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