Cupertino Native Deborah L. Feng Appointed New City Manager

CUPERTINO, CA – The City of Cupertino is pleased to announce the appointment of Deborah L. Feng as its new City Manager. Her first day with the City will be June 3, 2019.

Feng has more than 30 years of progressive management and administration experience with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) at Ames Research Center, Moffett Field, California. Her responsibilities have included working with and understanding the operations of city government, financial management and budgeting, master planning and facilities construction, information technology, human resources, partnerships, and communications and outreach.

She recently completed negotiations to build housing, including affordable apartments, on NASA property. This is the first such project in the nation accomplished for NASA.

“The City Council believes that Deborah Feng is an excellent choice for Cupertino due to her familiarity with the community and extensive experience managing a large organization,” Mayor Steven Scharf said. “We are confident that she will help the City move forward with our ambitious Work Program, re-staff vacant executive positions, and increase Cupertino’s quality of life.

“I also want to thank Amy Chan and Timm Borden for stepping in as Interim City Managers over the past year and doing a remarkable job leading the organization.”

Feng, a Cupertino native, attended Lincoln Elementary School, Kennedy Middle School, and Monta Vista High School. She also attended De Anza Community College, where her father taught from the time the College opened in 1969 until his retirement 30 years later.

She is a graduate of the University of California, Berkeley, receiving her bachelor’s degree in Mass Communications, Radio and Television. Feng also earned her master’s degree in
Business Administration from San Jose State University while receiving the prestigious GOLD Award from the College of Business for her leadership in her graduate program.

“I look forward to engaging our community and working to keep Cupertino the wonderful city that I’ve known all my life,” Feng said.

Her personal interests include hiking and biking, often hiking the hills of Cupertino at Fremont Older and Rancho San Antonio. She is a first degree black belt in Kempo karate and has a daughter Erica, 25, a graduate of De Anza, and a son Dustin, 19, a current student at De Anza.

Feng’s contract is scheduled to be considered by the City Council on April 16, 2019. Her annual salary will be $239,000.

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