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City of Riverside Names Scott Miller Interim Finance Director

Veteran financial expert with more than 30 years of experience to direct Finance Department

RIVERSIDE, Calif. – Scott Miller, who has worked at a variety of high-level finance positions in the public and private sectors during the past 31 years, has been named Interim Finance Director in Riverside.

Miller, who started work in Riverside today, is expected to direct the daily activities of the Finance Department for 4-6 months, while the City conducts a national recruitment for the job.

“Scott Miller has the knowledge and experience necessary to ensure that Riverside continues the transition to a two-year budget and a five-year financial plan, which will bring greater clarity and precision to the City’s financial planning,” City Manager John A. Russo said. “His diverse background in finance and management will help us complete our existing budget process and prepare us for continued success.”

Miller has worked for the past 18 months as an independent finance and technology consultant throughout Southern California after completing a two-year stint in Broward County, Florida, where he was the Interim Chief Financial Officer and Director of Finance and Administrative Services. In that post, Miller oversaw nine county departments and 775 employees.

Prior to taking the interim job in Florida, Miller served as Administrative Services Director and Chief Financial Officer for the City of Beverly Hills for nearly seven years. Before working in Beverly Hills, he was Redevelopment Agency Assistant Executive Director and Economic Development Manager for the City of Claremont from 2001 to 2005.

“I’m excited to join the team in Riverside as the city develops a two-year budget to more comprehensively address financial challenges,” Miller said. “I look forward to working with executive leadership to bring forth a budget for the 2016-18 fiscal years, along with the five-year financial plan that will help guide the City’s financial priorities.”

Miller holds a doctorate in philosophy from Arizona State University with a specialization in public administration, finance-budgeting and program/policy evaluation. He holds a master's degree in higher education administration from the University of Georgia with a specialization in administration, finance, and organizational development, and he earned a B.A in psychology from San Diego State University. Miller holds an instructor credential from the California Community Colleges and is a certified fraud examiner and a certified information technology specialist.

Miller served as a member of the Board of Advisors for the School of Business and Public Management at the University of La Verne from 2001-2015 and co-founded the "Reach" student outreach program there; served on the Graduate Education Commission for the International City/County Managers Association in 2012-14; and served as vice-president of the Fiscal Officers Department at the League of California Cities, among many other professional activities and honors.

Miller was hired through the firm of Wolf and Company Inc. under the City Manager's authority. A contract for his continued employment will be before the City Council for its approval on April 5.