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**Statement from City Council regarding retirement of Palm Springs
 City Manager David H. Ready**

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“Dr. David H. Ready announced today his decision to retire at the end of this calendar year. It is with a deep sense of appreciation and respect that we congratulate Dr. Ready on his retirement. Dr. Ready has served the people of Palm Springs for nearly 21 years with integrity, intelligence, and fortitude.

In his time as our City Manager, the city has been transformed. Residents have returned homes and neighborhoods to their former glory, an engaged community has elevated our arts and entertainment scenes, local leaders have re-made our downtown and neighborhood businesses, and visitors from across the globe now travel year-round to Palm Springs. In the past two decades, city sales tax revenues have increased five times, transit occupancy taxes have tripled and property taxes have doubled.

David Ready has managed our city finances, city services and city resources in a thoughtful, diligent and sound manner. During his tenure, we have endured two national economic downturns, the current COVID-19 health emergency, impacts from climate change and a renewed focus on racial justice. David and his team at City Hall have responded to every crisis. However, perhaps at no time has his experience, demeanor and institutional knowledge been as necessary as it has been in this year of challenge.

In the near future, we will begin a national search for a new City Manager but first, to Dr. David Ready, on behalf of this City Council and our predecessors on City Council who have served over these 21 years we say – *Thank You!*”

Geoff Kors, Mayor
Christy Holstege, Mayor pro tem
Lisa Middleton, Councilmember
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