

Palm Springs Councilmember **David H. Ready** was elected in November 2024 to a four-year term serving District 5. Ready brings over 37 years of local government leadership, including 21 years as City Manager of Palm Springs, where he played a pivotal role in shaping the city's growth and enhancing public services. Recognized with the "City Manager Award of Distinction" by the California League of Cities, Ready's



leadership is rooted in a deep commitment to public service and creating lasting value for the community.

Committed to excellence in governance and public administration, Ready was the only City Manager in the United States with an educational background including a Ph.D., and a law degree/attorney. He has also taught as an adjunct instructor at Cal State San Bernardino, in the Public Administration Department since 2001.

During his 20-year plus tenure as Palm Springs City Manager, Ready significantly expanded city revenues to improve city services, such as adding extra police and fire safety services, repaving over half of all city streets, and

led the charge to build a state-of-the-art "no-kill" Animal Shelter, the only one of its kind in the Coachella Valley.

In addition, Ready led the City through the implementation of strong economic development initiatives that increased tourism and the City's hotel stock, new retail, housing, regulation of vacation rentals, expansion of the Palm Springs Airport and Convention Center, along with leading the Downtown Revitalization Plan, which led to the development of the Thompson Hotel, Rowan Palm Springs and the new Downtown Park. Ready also led the completion of hundreds of citywide capital improvement projects following the passage of Measure J, a one cent sales tax approved by voters in 2011, which has led to hundreds of miles of city street paving, revitalization of the old downtown mall area, the renovation of the Welwood Memorial Public Library, numerous park improvements, and continues today allowing funds for the restoration of the historic Plaza Theatre, currently under way, and the upcoming renovation of the Palm Springs Public Library.

Ready is an advocate for having strong neighborhood organizations as part of the city's success, the neighborhood ONE- PS program was institutionalized into Palm Springs City government under his leadership. Today, this essential neighborhood program has grown to 52 recognized neighborhood organizations.

A 25-year resident of Palm Springs (21 years in District 5) Ready is uniquely positioned to advocate for his constituents and ensure Palm Springs remains a vibrant, thriving place to live, work, and visit.