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## EVANSTON CITY COUNCIL APPOINTS NEW CITY MANAGER

**EVANSTON, IL** - Evanston Mayor Elizabeth Tisdahl and the members of the City Council are pleased to announce that at their June 22 meeting of the Evanston City Council, they will appoint Walter J. Bobkiewicz III as Evanston's next City Manager. Mr. Bobkiewicz is currently the City Manager of Santa Paula, California, a position he's held since 2002. Prior to serving as Santa Paula's City Manager, Mr. Bobkiewicz was the Assistant City Manager for Novato, California for four years. Prior to that, he spent ten years in increasingly responsible positions for the City of Long Beach, California. Mr. Bobkiewicz grew up in the Chicago suburbs and has a Bachelor's Degree in Public Administration from the University of Southern California and a Master's Degree in Public Administration from Syracuse University.

"We are very excited about Wally's appointment. We were all extremely impressed with his proven leadership and management abilities, his financial skills, and his warm, engaging personal style," commented Mayor Tisdahl. "Two members of the City Council, Alderman Ann Rainey and Alderman Mark Tendam visited Mr. Bobkiewicz's community and interviewed his current elected officials, his staff and other community leaders. They were able to confirm everything we saw in the interviews and more."

Mr. Bobkiewicz has a strong background in economic development, currently serving as Executive Director of the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Santa Paula. As Assistant City Manager in Novato, Mr. Bobkiewicz managed the implementation of the reuse plan at the former Hamilton Army Airfield. In addition, Mr. Bobkiewicz serves as the Chief Administrative Officer of the Santa Paula Community Healthcare Authority and as the CAO of the Santa Paula Public Financing Authority. Since August 2005, he has served as Interim Executive Director of the Ventura Council of Governments.

Mr. Bobkiewicz has a strong background in volunteer service as well. He served as a member of the Syracuse University Board of Trustees from 2007-2009, Vice Chairman of the Ventura County United Way from 2007-08, Chairman of the Girl Scouts Councils of California from 1996-99, and has been a member of the Santa Paula Rotary Club since 2002.

Mr. Bobkiewicz's salary will be \$185,000. He will begin work on August 3 and will reside in Evanston.

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