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NEW FINANCE DIRECTOR APPOINTED

February 23, 2026 – Sierra Madre City Manager Mike Bruckner has appointed Harry Wong to the position of Finance Director following a competitive recruitment process. Currently serving as the Director of Finance & Administration for the City of Lynwood, Mr. Wong has nearly 15 years of municipal finance experience—including service with the cities of Monterey Park, Buena Park, and Garden Grove—developing and managing large city budgets and leading teams of finance professionals in challenging financial environments.

“I’m excited to join a community known for its safety and rich history,” said Mr. Wong. “I look forward to supporting the City Council and the City’s leadership team to enhance fiscal stability, navigate current budget challenges, and support the high level of service residents expect.”

With extensive experience in operating and capital budget administration, debt management, complex accounting, payroll, and other areas of financial management, Mr. Wong will support the City as it navigates a challenging budget environment and works to maintain current service levels supported by the General Fund.

“Harry brings the rare combination of technical depth and real-world municipal leadership,” said City Manager Bruckner. “He’s stepped into tough situations, stabilized core financial operations, and helped organizations make disciplined choices without losing sight of service to residents. That’s exactly what Sierra Madre needs right now.”

Holding a bachelor’s degree from CSU Northridge in Accountancy and Business Law and a master’s degree from UC Irvine in Business Administration, Mr. Wong is also a Certified Public Accountant and is widely credited for helping lead Lynwood’s efforts to implement financial and operational improvements in response to the California State Auditor’s review, which designated Lynwood a high-risk local government. Mr. Wong will join the City on March 3, 2026.

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About Sierra Madre

Nestled against the scenic foothills of the San Gabriel Mountains and adjacent to the Angeles National Forest, Sierra Madre is a close-knit, village-like community with a population of just under 11,000. Located 15 miles northeast of downtown Los Angeles, Sierra Madre offers easy access to regional transportation corridors while maintaining the charm and tranquility of a small mountain town. The City is known for its historic downtown, iconic Wistaria vine, walkable neighborhoods, and vibrant community traditions, including its beloved Fourth of July and Mount Wilson Trail Race events. With its strong volunteer spirit, highly engaged residents, and a longstanding commitment to preserving its unique character, Sierra Madre continues to be recognized as one of the most desirable places to live in the San Gabriel Valley—offering a quality of life that truly feels like “Village Living in the Foothills.”

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