



# News Release

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## **Hughson City Manager Selected as Incoming Stanislaus County Assistant Executive Officer**

"For six and a half years you have done a great job! I think the City is better off now than it was then. Thank you very much for all the work you've done, we really appreciate it and we wish you all the very best in the future." – Hughson Mayor Jeramy Young, March 9, 2020 Hughson City Council Regular Meeting.

Hughson City Manager, Raul L. Mendez, recently accepted a conditional offer of employment from Stanislaus County Chief Executive Officer, Jody Hayes, to the position of Assistant Executive Officer. He is expected to begin his transition from the City of Hughson to Stanislaus County in mid-June 2020.

Mr. Mendez began his tenure as Hughson City Manager on June 17, 2013. He arrived in the City of Hughson after working for the City of San Jose (Policy and Legislative Manager) for nearly five years and Stanislaus County (Senior Management Consultant) for approximately 12 years. Mr. Mendez holds a Master's in Public Policy from the University of Michigan and a Bachelor of Science in Computer Information Systems from California State University, Stanislaus.



While in Hughson, Mr. Mendez has worked with the Hughson City Council and a strong professional staff to maintain the City's sound fiscal position while making significant progress in improving Hughson's infrastructure (water and roads). Further, Mr. Mendez has focused on improving relations between the City and key partners including the county, the school district, fire district, business sector, non-profit organizations and the faith-based community often leading the way for successful collaborative projects and initiatives.

City Manager Mendez's priority from day one has been to make City Hall more accessible to the community served. He has taken great pride in making himself and his staff available to support local events as needed. These include Love Hughson, Hughson Fruit and Nut Festival, National Night Out, Hughson Christmas Festival, Operation Santa/Light Up The Town and many others.

"I am very proud of our accomplishments as a City during my tenure as City Manager. The City Council, past and present, has provided the direction and support for our success as an organization. Our City team is an amazing group of dedicated public servants that take great pride in the work that is done every single day. My experience in Hughson has been a privilege and Hughson's future will continue to be bright." – Raul L. Mendez, Hughson City Manager

Hughson's Vision Statement is "to preserve its unique spirit, heritage and character, while creating an undeniable great place to be." Its Mission Statement intentionally revolves around "improving Hughson every day through fiscal responsibility, customer focused service and an emphasis on creating and strengthening partnerships.

The following are the areas that the City's values encompass:

- Fiscal Responsibility.
- Customer Focused.
- Partnership Building.
- Results Oriented.
- Open and Accessible.
- Public Safety.

The City of Hughson will immediately initiate a professional recruitment for the position of City Manager and completed application packets will be accepted until April 10, 2020. Qualifications and selection interviews are expected to be conducted in April and May with an announcement, if successful, shortly thereafter. Information regarding the recruitment will be available on the City's website and listed on professional municipal associations around the State of California.

The Hughson City Council meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month. Meetings of the Hughson City Council are held at City Hall located at 7018 Pine Street, Hughson, CA. For more information, please visit the City of Hughson website at [www.hughson.org](http://www.hughson.org) or call 209.883.4054.

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