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### **ACTING DEPUTY CITY MANAGER OF COMMUNITY SERVICES APPOINTED TO CALIFORNIA COMMISSION ON AGING**

*El Monte, Calif.* – Marian Last, Deputy City Manager of Community Service for the City of El Monte, has recently been appointed by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger to the California Commission on Aging. Currently serving as Acting Deputy City Manager, Last has worked for the City of El Monte for more than 35 years, previously serving as Senior Services Manager from 1978 to 2010. As a new committee member for the Commission on Aging, Last will continue to maintain her current role as Acting Deputy City Manager.

“It is a great honor to be selected by the Governor to this Commission,” said Last. “I have many years of experience in public service and am confident that I can apply that experience to successfully fulfill my duties in my new role.”

Established in 1973, the California Commission on Aging is comprised of 25 commissioners; 19 appointed by the Governor, three appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly, and three by the Senate Rules Committee. All Commissioners serve three-year-terms in these volunteer positions.

According to its website, the Commission serves as "the principal advocate in the State on behalf of older individuals, including, but not limited to, advisory participation in the consideration of all legislation and regulations made by State and federal departments and agencies relating to programs and services that affect older individuals." As such it is the principal advisory body to the Governor, State Legislature, and State, Federal and local departments and agencies on issues affecting older individuals in order to ensure a quality of life for older Californians so they may live with dignity in their chosen environment.

“Marian continues to be a devoted and valued employee for El Monte and she will surely prove valuable to this Commission as well,” said Mayor Pro Tem Patricia Wallach. “We are very proud of Marian and congratulate her on this latest accomplishment.”

Last graduated from Pitzer College in Claremont with a double major in Political Science and Sociology and from California State University of Long Beach with a major in

Educational Psychology. She holds a license in Marriage and Family Therapy and is Nationally Board Certified as a professional counselor by the American Psychotherapy Association. Last is also a co-founder of the Project Sister Family Services Center, founded in 1973, and was a consultant at the University of Southern California Gerontology Center from 1978 to 1982.

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