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## **City Council Appoints Jen Ford to fill Vacant Council Position, Sets Date for Special Election in June 2022**

Morro Bay, CA – City Council appointed Jen Ford to fill the vacant City Council position during their September 14, 2021 meeting. Ms. Ford, a local business owner and Morro Bay Planning Commissioner, fills the position vacated by the passing of former Councilmember Robert “Red” Davis earlier this year. Per Morro Bay Municipal Code, she can hold the seat until the special election in June 2022. Ms. Ford would be eligible to run for the Council seat in that special election so long as she remains a registered voter.

The City held an open application process whereby any registered voter in Morro Bay could apply for the vacant Council seat. The City received two applications. City Council vetted the two applicants at the September 14, 2021 Council meeting, offering an opportunity for the candidates to introduce themselves and respond to Council questions. Prior to selecting Jen Ford, Council also voted to hold a special election in June 2022 for the same Council position. The winner of that June 2022 special election will hold the Council position through the end of 2024.

“Jen’s history of community service and her participation on numerous citizen committees and boards demonstrates her passionate commitment to improving the quality life of our residents,” said Mayor John Heading. “She has worked hard to make sure all voices are heard, especially when important decisions are made. I look forward to working with her on the City Council.”

Ms. Ford, along with her husband, Travis, and their two children have lived in Morro Bay since 2011. During that time, she has served the Morro Bay community in a variety of roles. That includes serving as the PTA President for Del Mar Elementary, a Morro Bay Planning Commissioner, advocating for women’s rights as Co-Founder of Women’s March SLO and volunteering for a number of local non-profits.

“I’m excited to be appointed to the Morro Bay City Council and to help our City and its residents navigate many of the difficult decisions ahead,” offered newly seated Councilmember Jen Ford. “I’m deeply honored to step into the position my good friend Councilmember Robert “Red” Davis left sooner than expected and vow to carry on his role as a leader in our community.”

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