



# City of Westlake Village

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## PRESS RELEASE

### CITY MANAGER HIRED

City Council selects Palo Alto Deputy City Manager Robert de Geus to serve as Westlake Village City Manager.

### For Immediate Release

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Westlake Village, CA — The Westlake Village City Council is pleased to announce the selection of Mr. Robert de Geus ( *d'ghose*) to serve as Westlake Village's next City Manager following a national search and recruitment process. Mr. de Geus will replace Mr. Raymond Taylor, who retired after serving as Westlake Village's City Manager for nearly 26 years.

Mr. de Geus is currently Deputy City Manager for the City of Palo Alto where he has worked for the past 19 years. As Deputy City Manager de Geus focused on externally facing departments including Fire, Police, Office of Emergency Services, Office of Transportation, Planning and Community Environment, Libraries, and Community Services. Prior to holding the position of Deputy City Manager, de Geus held the position of Director of Community Services for Palo Alto, one of the largest departments in the city, where he managed an extensive network of parks, trails and open space, recreation and arts services and facilities. Areas of focus and passion for de Geus include economic health and vitality, community engagement, public private partnerships, environmental sustainability and community health and wellness.

Born and raised in Melbourne, Australia, Mr. de Geus earned his Masters degree in Public Administration and a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Management, both from San Jose State University.

The City Council will consider approval of an employment agreement with Mr. de Geus at its January 23, 2019 regular meeting. Mr. de Geus will begin employment with the City of Westlake Village in early March once he has completed his remaining Palo Alto matters. Until that time, Mr. Daniel Jordan, the Finance Director for the City of Westlake Village, will continue to serve as Interim City Manager.