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MANTECA NAMES NEW CITY ATTORNEY, L. DAVID NEFOUSE *Nefouse is the First In-House City Attorney for Manteca*

Manteca, Calif. – At the Manteca City Council meeting on Tuesday, January 19, 2021, Council announced the selection of a new City Attorney, L. David Nefouse. Previously, law firm McFall Burnett & Brinton Attorneys at Law had provided City Attorney services to the City. Following a retirement within the firm, the City Council conducted a nationwide search with Tripepi Smith Talent Solutions. Nefouse officially begins as City Attorney on February 1, 2021.

"Manteca is a complex, growing city. Our goal is to pursue our community's diverse interests and that occasionally means seeking expert legal counsel about the best path forward," said Mayor Ben Cantu. "The City Council was intent on hiring someone strategic, thoughtful and experienced to serve as our next City Attorney. We are confident we have found the right fit in Mr. Nefouse and we look forward to working with him for years to come."

L. David Nefouse is the first in-house City Attorney for the City of Manteca. He joins Manteca as part of a distinguished career in public service, most previously at the Office of the County Counsel, County of Alameda, for over five years. His practice focuses on transactional, policy, labor & employment, public records act, administrative law, procurement, and litigation matters. Nefouse previously worked for the County of Santa Cruz, California, representing several County agencies (General Services Agency, Parks Department, and Animal Shelter JPA) and handling litigation and all public records act matters for the County. He also worked nearly seven years at the law firm of Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati PC, in Palo Alto, California, where he worked on and/or managed complex civil litigation matters and internal investigations.

While at Wilson Sonsini, Nefouse also co-chaired the firm's pro bono asylum program. He began his legal career in 2005 when he clerked two years for the Hon. Thomas B. Russell, United States District Court Judge for the Western District of Kentucky. Nefouse attended and graduated from Duke University in Durham, North Carolina for both his undergraduate and Juris Doctor degrees in 2002 and 2005, respectively. He grew up in Louisville, Kentucky, but now considers California his home after relocating to the Golden State in 2007. Nefouse, his wife, their son, and two dogs live in the Bay Area.

"It is the highest honor of my professional career to have been selected to be the first in-house City Attorney for the City of Manteca," said Nefouse. "I look forward to working with the City Council, the City Manager, and City staff, and representing the City in legal affairs."

In his new role at the City of Manteca starting February 1, he will be the chief legal advisor to the City Council, City Manager and City Departments.

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