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City of Ventura announces new interim community development director

The City of Ventura announced today that David Ward will serve as the Interim Community Development Director effective immediately. Ward recently served as the City's Planning Manager and has worked for the City of Ventura for approximately 10 years.

David Ward has been a planner at local public agencies throughout the California Coastal Region for more than 23 years, working for the Counties of Monterey and Santa Barbara, as well as the Cities of Morro Bay, Rancho Palos Verdes and Ventura. Ward holds a master's degree in public administration from Cal State Northridge and is a member of the American Planning Institute of Certified Planners.

From rural issues and resource protection to form-based codes, redevelopment and community plans, David has actively engaged with community stakeholders, project applicants and decision-makers to implement a local vision and create great places in our neighborhoods and community.

The Community Development Department has four divisions: Building & Safety, Planning, Code Enforcement, and Economic Development, with a staff of more than 50 employees.

This release can be found on the City of Ventura's website at www.cityofventura.ca.gov. ###