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City of Ventura Selects Chief Building Official

The City of Ventura is pleased to announce the promotion of Building Inspection Supervisor, Ian Livingston to the position of Chief Building Official for the Community Development Department. Currently serving as the City's Interim Building Official, Ian has worked for over 20 years in the construction industry. "Ian Livingston's leadership will help guide the Building and Safety Division's integration of technology and process efficiencies to reinforce the City's customer service focus," said Community Development Director Peter Gilli.

Ian comes from a family of builders; both his father and grandfather were carpenters and contractors in New England and California. Following in those footsteps, he began his career as a finish carpenter, and superintendent, working on residential and commercial projects including historical renovations and seismic retrofits, restaurants and custom homes. Ian's resume includes over ten residential and commercial inspection certifications.

In 2014, Ian became a Building Inspector with the City of Ventura, and eventually, the Building Inspection Supervisor. In addition to his hands-on inspection expertise, helping Ventura residents complete their projects safely and according to State Building codes, Ian teaches at Ventura College's Construction Technology department, helping the next generation of builders and contractors learn about accessibility and building codes and methods.

Following the Thomas Fire, Ian led a group of 20 volunteer professionals to evaluate the burn area. Together they evaluated and posted over 2000 sites and provided data to expedite the rebuild and repair process.

"I am thrilled and humbled for this opportunity. I look forward to helping Ventura build and rebuild in a timely, reasonable manner, while ensuring the safety of our residents," said Ian.