

For Immediate Release

December 13, 2022

Media Contact: Heather Sumagaysay, Public Information Officer,
hsumagaysay@cityofventura.ca.gov

New Ventura City Councilmembers sworn into office

Ventura, Calif. — The City of Ventura has sworn in four newly elected Councilmembers at the City Council reorganization meeting hosted on Monday, December 12, 2022.

The oaths of office for council districts were taken for Liz Campos (District 1), Jeannette Sanchez-Palacios (District 4), Bill McReynolds (District 5), and Jim Duran (District 6). The new members join the seven-seat Council, which includes Councilmembers Joe Schroeder (District 7), Doug Halter (District 2), and Mike Johnson (District 3).



Former and current City Councilmembers.

The Council also held nominations for the Mayor and Deputy Mayor elections. Joe Schroeder was selected as Mayor, and Jeannette Sanchez-Palacios was selected as Deputy Mayor.

The Council selects both titles of Mayor and Deputy Mayor among its members every two years. The Mayor's duties are to preside over the sessions of the Council, sign official documents, and act as the official head of the City. The Mayor has the power to administer oaths and affirmations but has no power of veto. The Deputy Mayor shall act as Mayor in the absence or disability of the Mayor.

During the meeting, the Council, City staff, and community members also recognized and thanked outgoing members, including Mayor Sofia Rubalcava, who served from 2018-2022; Councilmember Jim Friedman, who served from 1995-2003 and again from 2018-2022; and Councilmember Lorrie Brown, who served from 2018-2022.

The City Council meeting and oath of office ceremony are available on the City of Ventura's YouTube channel at www.youtube.com/CityofVentura.

To learn more about the Ventura City Council, visit www.CityofVentura.ca.gov/CityCouncil.

Pictured (from left to right): Front row - Jim Friedman, Jeanette Sanchez-Palacios, Sofia Rubalcava, Jim Duran, and Liz Campos. Back row - Lorrie Brown, Joe Schroeder, Mike Johnson, Doug Halter, and Bill McReynolds.

###