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City Welcomes Jaime Fontes as City Manager

Mayor Jim Tovias announced today that the City reached an agreement with Mr. Jaime Fontes to become the city of Santa Paula's City Manager. "We are very excited to welcome Mr. Fontes to Santa Paula," said Mayor Tovias. "Mr. Fontes has done an outstanding job for the city of Nogales and we expect him to do great things here in Santa Paula," stated the Mayor. Mr. Fontes would be the fourth permanent city manager since the City changed from a city administrator form of government.

Jaime Fontes, 52, is currently the City Manager for the city of Nogales, Arizona. Before Nogales, Mr. Fontes was previously employed as the CEO for the Economic Development Authority on the Tohono O'Odham Nation; served as Real Estate Manager and Assistant Planning Chief for Maricopa County, Arizona; and worked for the County of San Diego, Department of Public Works in a variety of positions including Real Estate Program Coordinator, Supervising Real Property Agent and Senior Real Property Agent. Mr. Fontes has a Bachelors degree from Arizona State University and his Juris Doctorate from Western State University College of Law. His many accomplishments include construction of a wastewater treatment facility and creation of a 48 acre \$200M Port Authority.

Mr. Fontes was selected from among 78 candidates who applied for the City Manager position in Santa Paula since the departure of previous City Manager Wally Bobkiewicz. He will begin his duties on February 15, 2010 with a salary of \$155,000. The City Council will hold a Special Meeting on Tuesday, December 15, 2009, to ratify Mr. Fontes's contract.

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