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COUNTY OF MENDOCINO ANNOUNCES SELECTION OF NEW PLANNING AND BUILDING DIRECTOR

The Chief Executive Officer of Mendocino County announced today that Nash Gonzalez was selected as the County's new Director of Planning and Building. Nash was one of three top finalists interviewed by the Board of Supervisors after a lengthy recruitment process. "There are a number of significant changes ahead for Nash and his new team as the County is experiencing a housing downturn," stated CEO Tom Mitchell. "Nash's lengthy experience will be an asset and we look forward to his arrival on December 29."

Ignacio (Nash) Gonzalez brings over 23 years of land use and planning experience with public agencies to Mendocino County. He holds a Bachelor's degree in Planning from Sonoma State University and is also a certified planner by the American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP). Nash is no stranger to Mendocino County as he previously worked for the Mendocino County Department of Planning and Building Services between 1986 and 1999 as a planner. Prior to joining the County in 1986 he had worked in Southern California with the City of Baldwin Park as a planner as well.

To further his career, in 1999 he went on to the City of Healdsburg to assist the City in its development application review efforts until 2001, when he went on to work with PMC, a municipal contract planning firm that works with hundreds of public agencies throughout the western United States. During his tenure with PMC, Nash had the opportunity to work in a variety of communities throughout California: his duties included managing both staff and a variety of projects from residential, commercial to industrial developments, as well as environmental reviews and long range planning efforts. The communities in which Nash has worked includes: the Cities of Cotati, Corte Madera, Walnut Creek, Hillsborough, Willows, Clearlake, Fort Bragg, Willits, Grass Valley, Lompoc, Santa Barbara; and the Counties of Amador, Butte, Orange, Solano, Sonoma, Kern, Siskiyou and Santa Clara. For the last two years, Nash has been providing contract planning assistance to Mendocino County. Many people in our community are also very familiar with Nash, as he has also worked as an adjunct instructor at Mendocino College, where he has taught Real Estate courses since 1989. Most recently he was instrumental in re-establishing the Real Estate Degree program at Mendocino College.

As Nash's familiarity with the County stems not only in the work he has done here, but he was born and raised in Willits. Nash continues to make his home in Ukiah with his wife Noemi and their two children, Steven and Elizabeth.

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