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Miguel Figueroa Selected as County of Imperial's County Executive Officer

EL CENTRO, CA – Following an extensive and comprehensive search by an independent, third-party recruitment firm that included a series of interviews conducted by community stakeholders and a thorough background investigation, the County of Imperial Board of Supervisors have selected Miguel Figueroa as the next County Executive Officer effective April 1, 2022. Figueroa has accepted the offer and the employment contract with the exact terms and conditions will be brought before the Board for final action during the open session of their March 8 regular meeting.

“Mr. Figueroa brings to the County relevant experience and an extensive knowledge of our local economy and cultural identity of our binational region through his previous role as the Director of the Workforce Development Office and as City Manager of Calexico,” stated Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, Jesus Escobar. “During his time with the City of Calexico, Figueroa provided stability, improved communications, and built trust between the administration and community that truly benefitted all residents.”

Figueroa served as the Executive Director of the non-profit Calexico New River Committee from 2006 to 2013 and worked extensively with community-based organizations and government agencies from Mexico, the State of California, and U.S. Federal government to develop the New River Improvement Strategic Plan in order to mitigate negative public health impacts and provide a vehicle for project funding. Figueroa then joined the Imperial County Workforce Development Board in 2013 as an Administrative Analyst and was appointed as Director a year later in which he served a three-year term. In 2018, he was named Assistant City Manager of the City of Calexico and was tasked with providing oversight of management responsibilities, supervised and implemented economic workforce strategies, and made strategic efforts to target social and business development programs through local and regional initiatives. Upon the resignation of then-City Manager David Dale in 2020, Figueroa was appointed as interim City Manager and served until his appointment as permanent City Manager in July of 2020. As City Manager, Figueroa balanced the city's budget after being in a \$4 million deficit, secured millions of state grant funds to redevelop Heber Park, prioritized the modernization of infrastructure by advocating for hundreds of millions of federal funds for the completion of the Calexico West Port of Entry, supported local law enforcement by expanding communication services for the city's police department, established ordinances to incentivize economic development, and successfully negotiated and executed a contract between the California Department of Water Resources and city for the disbursement of \$28 million of state funds to implement the New River Improvement Project.

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“My desire is to contribute and be an asset to the community by developing an approachable work style, in addition to, developing a forward-thinking culture where public service is prioritized to align with the county’s strategic goals. An inclusive partner-driven approach is fundamental to the successful implementation of policies and initiatives that will solidify county management and efforts throughout the region,” stated Figueroa about his new position. “I look forward to implementing the vision of the Imperial County Board of Supervisors and the community as a whole to position the County of Imperial for a bright future.

Along with his wife and son, Figueroa is a proud resident of Imperial County. He is a graduate of Vincent Memorial High School; obtained his Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with a concentration in Finance, Real Estate, and Law from California State University, Long Beach; and Master of Public Administration degree from the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs at Syracuse University. He is a proud member of the International City/County Management Association.

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