San José Planning Commission Unanimously Elects Commissioner Rolando A. Bonilla as Chair for the 2021-22 Session

San José, Calif., (June 10, 2021) - Last night, the San José Planning Commission unanimously (7-0) elected Commissioner Rolando A. Bonilla to serve as Chair for the 2021-22 session. Having previously served as Vice Chair, Bonilla brings 25 years of legislative experience to the helm.

"I am extremely honored to have the opportunity to serve as chair for the planning commission of the largest city in the Bay Area," said Rolando A. Bonilla, Chair, San José Planning Commission. "I have the unique opportunity to serve during a time where every decision that we have made as a commission is literally shaping the future of San José for generations. With that in mind, I continue my commitment of always putting the people of our great city at the forefront of every decision."

On July 1, 2021, Bonilla will begin his tenure as chair during a historic time, as the San José Planning Commission will also begin their 2021-22 session under their new 11-member configuration. This marks the first time in San José history where each district in San José will have a district representative on the planning commission.

Recently, Commissioner Bonilla successfully passed comprehensive legislation to combat illegal dumping in San José. A COVID survivor, Commissioner Bonilla is also the founder of the East San José COVID Relief Fund, a fund that has generated thousands of dollars to support East San José small businesses and non-profits ravaged by the economic effects of the pandemic.

Bonilla holds a BA from the University of San Francisco and a JD from San Francisco Law School. He resides with his family in East San José.

About Commissioner Rolando A. Bonilla: Currently, Rolando A. Bonilla serves as the Vice-Chair of the San José Planning Commission representing San José City Council District 5. In his role as a planning commissioner, Vice-Chair Bonilla advises the San José City Council on land use policy and serve in a quasi-judicial decision-making role.

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