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City of Newark Announces New Finance Director

Successor brings 25 years of experience in managing government finances

Newark, DE - The City of Newark announced David Del Grande has accepted the role of Finance Director, succeeding Louis Vitola, who is stepping down to join the Delaware Municipal Electric Corporation as vice president of finance. Del Grande, who will begin on May 2, comes to Newark with 25 years of experience in managing government finances, most recently serving as the accounting and fiscal manager for New Castle County - a position he has held since 2008.

"David has the right combination of financial acumen and leadership skills and we are thrilled to have him join our team," said city manager Carol Houck. "His previous experience will prove to be extremely valuable for the City of Newark and serve our residents well."

Wanting to build on the City's efforts to be fiscally responsible while making thoughtful investments towards the future, Del Grande stood out as the ideal candidate. In his current role, he coordinates the preparation of a \$256.7M annual operating budget, manages the payroll operations for more than 1,600 positions, writes and reviews procedures, policies and code revisions and recommends tax rates and sewer use fees, among other responsibilities that align closely with Newark's needs.

"It is truly an honor for me to join a strong, cohesive team committed to serving the citizens of Newark" said Del Grande. "I am confident my professional experience, along with my energy and desire to help guide the future of the City, will be a perfect match."

Del Grande's tenure with New Castle County government began in 1999, when he was hired as a senior budget and procedures analyst. From 2004 to 2008, he worked as a senior financial officer. Prior to joining the County, Del Grande worked for the USDA Forest Service as a budget officer/regional accountant.

He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration with a concentration in accounting from Widener University. He and his family reside in Middletown.

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