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City Hires Phil Lozano as Parks and Recreation Director

City hires new Parks and Recreation Director, Phil Lozano, to begin on November 6. Mr. Lozano brings a strong background in municipal parks, recreation activities, event management and capital projects management. Previously employed by the City of DeSoto as Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation, throughout his career Mr. Lozano has developed and managed recreation facilities and programs, sports activities and parks.

"Mr. Lozano's experience in a wide range of events from World Cup Soccer to Fourth of July and fishing tournaments will continue our drive to make Highland Villages Parks and Recreation an added benefit for our residents. Mr. Lozano also brings an excellence in professional development that I see will help our City staff to achieve their personal career development goals as well as progressing the active dialog with our Parks and Recreation Advisory Board to develop and enhance the City's Park facilities," stated City Manager Michael Leavitt.

Along with serving as Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation for the City of DeSoto, Mr. Lozano has also worked for the Richardson Independent School District, the City of Allen and the City of Dallas.

"I am very excited about my new opportunity as Director of Parks and Recreation. I believe this opportunity is a perfect fit for my skills and experience and I am looking forward to working with the staff and the community," stated Phil Lozano.

During his tenure at the City of DeSoto, Mr. Lozano was part of the winning CAPRA accreditation team which is awarded to agencies for excellence and best management practices in operation and service. Currently only 155 agencies are accredited in the United States. A graduate of the University of Texas, Dallas, Mr. Lozano has managed major events while at the "Cotton Bowl" Fair Park, holds numerous parks and recreation certifications and is active in industry professional associations.