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### **City Council Names Police Chief as Acting City Manager**

The Los Banos City Council met Monday afternoon in closed session and mutually agreed with City Manager Alex Terrazas to terminate his employment agreement with the City and approved a separation agreement based on such decision, which ended Terrazas' employment as City Manager effective immediately. Terrazas had served as City Manager since June 2016.

At the same meeting, Police Chief Gary Brizzee was appointed by the City Council to serve as Acting City Manager effective immediately until a new permanent City Manager is appointed by the City Council.

The search for a new permanent City Manager is anticipated to start immediately.

"The Council is confident that Gary possesses the vital knowledge, skills, and understanding of the City's operations and that he will continue to lead the City going forward."

-Tom Faria, Mayor of Los Banos

Brizzee was born and raised in Los Banos and attended Los Banos High School prior to attending Merced Junior College and CSU Stanislaus where he received a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice with a minor in Sociology and a Master's degree in Criminal Justice. Brizzee attended the 237th Session of the Federal Bureau of Investigation's National Academy in Quantico, Virginia in 2009.

"It is an honor to serve the City Council and residents of Los Banos in the capacity of Acting City Manager. Our goal as staff is to continue to provide great service to our community."

-Gary Brizzee, Acting City Manager

Brizzee has previously served as the Acting City Manager on two occasions – once from November 1, 2012 to April 30, 2013 then again from January 15, 2016 to June 30, 2016.

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