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Palmdale's Dave Childs to Serve as City Manager in Residence at Pepperdine

PALMDALE – Palmdale City Manager Dave Childs has been selected by the Davenport Institute and the Pepperdine School of Public Policy School to serve as its 2015 City Manager in Residence on March 9 and 10.

Childs will be on campus in Malibu to offer students a glimpse into the challenges and rewards of a career in local government. In addition to a lunchtime round-table with students, he will meet one-on-one with students to discuss their plans for a career in local government.

“We’re excited to have Dave as our 2015 City Manager in Residence,” said Pete Peterson, Executive Director, of the Davenport Institute. “We started the program four years ago here at the policy school as a way of connecting our grad students with leaders in municipal government, and Dave’s reputation as a performance-focused city manager precedes him.”

The Davenport Institute for Public Engagement and Civic Leadership introduced the City Manager in Residence Program in 2011, as part of a collaborative effort developed by the California International City Manager Association (Cal-ICMA) to offer students in graduate public policy and public administration programs the opportunity to learn first-hand from some of the best city managers in California.

The city managers in residence share their experiences with the school's Master of Public Policy candidates over a course of two days on the Malibu campus. In addition to a formal lecture, they serve as a mentor to students specializing in state and local policy, offering career advice and answering questions; address classes in the state and local policy track; and meet with members of the school's student chapter of the International City/County Manager's Association (ICMA).

Prior to his appointment as Palmdale City Manager in April of 2012, Childs served in numerous key leadership positions in local government including service as the Assistant County Manager of Washoe County, Nevada as well as the City Manager in the City of South Lake Tahoe, California and additionally serving as the City Manager for the cities of Minnetonka, New Brighton, St. Anthony and Blue Earth in Minnesota. Earlier in his career, Childs held several positions in Minnesota and Arizona as both a City and Regional planner including serving as the Planning Director for the City of Casa Grande, Arizona.

In addition to Childs' years of managing local governments, one of the crowning achievements of his career is his service as the President of ICMA in 2010-11. He is also an ICMA Legacy Leader and continues to serve as a Senior Advisor to ICMA State Associations.

Childs holds a Bachelor of Science and Master of Arts Degrees from Minnesota State University and attended the Harvard Program for Senior Executives in State and Local Government at the JFK School of Government. He and his wife Barbara have two married sons and three grandchildren.