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CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE COMMENTS ON THE PASSING OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBER JEFF TKAC

It is with a heavy heart that we acknowledge the unfortunate and untimely passing of City Council Member Jeff Tkac, who was found deceased in his home Thursday morning, January 5, 2017.

Council Member Tkac was a devoted family man, local business owner and long-time City official. Council Member Tkac served as a Bakersfield City Council Member for only a short time; however, during his brief tenure, he showed intellect and knowledge of the City and its operations.

Mr. Tkac began his service to the City nearly three decades ago as a Reserve Bakersfield Police Officer and is one of the longest-serving members of the City Planning Commission. During his 29 years as a Reserve Officer and 20 year tenure as a Commissioner, Mr. Tkac was a true champion for Bakersfield. As a graduate of Cal State Bakersfield and a successful local business owner, Mr. Tkac established a reputation as one that always did his homework and provided thoughtful consideration of every task before him.

He was upbeat, positive and forward thinking. He made positive and lasting impressions on other elected officials and City staff and immediately bonded with those around him. Council Member Tkac has been a staple in this community for many years.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Council Member Tkac's family as they mourn his passing. It is important that we remember the contributions he made to the City of Bakersfield.

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