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CITY OF SCOTTSDALE SELECTS GREG CATON AS NEW ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER

GRAND JUNCTION, Colo. February 13, 2024 – The City Manager of Grand Junction, Greg Caton, has been selected as the new Assistant City Manager for the City of Scottsdale Arizona. During the coming months, Caton and City Council will work to develop a smooth transition plan to an interim city manager.

“This community greeted me warmly eight years ago and the connections I have made here will remain despite the distance created by my move to Scottsdale,” stated City Manager Greg Caton. “I feel a tremendous amount of pride that I hope is shared by City Council and our community as I look back on what we have achieved together over the past eight years. With the support of a strong team of directors, we have created tremendous momentum for the city that has been guided by the One Comprehensive Plan.”

While serving in his role as City Manager, Caton has overseen a number of accomplishments including:

- Created a strong director team
- Developed a vision for Grand Junction
- Established long-term plans for the city
- Worked to bring Richmark property with 256 units to the heart of downtown
- Created thriving economic climate that attracted Costco to build in GJ
- Built new employee-based childcare facility
- Transportation Expansion of \$70 million in voter-approved infrastructure and improvements
- National recognition for the city through the efforts of the Destination Marketing Organization Visit GJ
- De-Bruced Tabor allowing the city to retain excess tax revenue collected for programs and services
- Renovated and improved the Lincoln Park Sports Stadium Complex
- Achieved voter approval of a proposal to build a community recreation center (CRC) at Matchett Park
- Since 2020 two more fire stations were built with another planned for completion in 2025
- Created a Co-Responder Unit for the Grand Junction Police Department to provide aid during mental health crises
- Improved Standard and Poor’s Credit Rating, upgraded from AA- to AA eliminating the requirement for a debt service reserve and lowering the city’s borrowing costs
- More than doubled the General Fund Reserve
- Renovated the Grand Junction Convention Center expanding convention business
- Major trail construction connecting the riverfront trail to Lunch Loop biking and hiking
- Leveraged millions of dollars in grant funds to complete major capital community projects
- Led the community in a collaborative effort to respond to the impacts of the Pandemic

“During the last nearly eight years, there have been many initiatives and projects that would not have been possible without the strong leadership by City Council and collaboration with our community partners,”

continued Caton. "My time serving as the City Manager is filled with examples of our shared success and celebrations and I will carry those experiences with me into my future role for the City of Scottsdale."

One of the significant highlights of Caton's tenure with the city includes the remarkable transformation that continues along the riverfront. Development of public infrastructure has occurred in Las Colonias and Dos Rios, leveraging over \$150 million in future private development. The Riverfront at Dos Rios is a 58-acre mixed-use development in the heart of the city. The project consists of 15.8 acres of parks and open space offering unparalleled access to the river, trail systems, green space and downtown. Development to the area includes a state-of-the art playground, a bike park, and 35,000 SF of retail, food and beverage space, apartments, and entertainment venues as well as a 56-unit townhome community called Crawford Row. A multi-acre outdoor recreation hospitality development with a Baja-themed cantina called El Jet's Cantina + Sky Outpost is also underway for Dos Rios. The River Park at Las Colonias includes an accessible water channel, two standing wave water features, and beach and wading areas. There is also a boat ramp on the east side of Las Colonias Park for access to recreation on the Colorado River. Through a public/private partnership developed under Caton's leadership, the city also developed a business park at the east end of Las Colonias Park to attract outdoor recreation-related businesses.

"I have called Grand Junction home for more than 30 years, so I have lived through the up-and-downs that used to characterize our community. The changes I've seen since Greg took the helm at the city are a big part of what makes me so proud to represent Grand Junction," stated Mayor Anna Stout. "What I feel most of all is gratitude for the leadership and bold vision Greg has brought to our city, and I'm especially grateful for the strength of the partnership we have developed in our council-manager form of government. I think we have figured out how our roles most effectively complement each other in serving this city and delivering the highest results for our residents. It has been an honor to serve alongside him."

"As a community member, I appreciate Greg's role in helping envision what we can be as a community and seeing beyond our former Junktown moniker, which has led to us becoming a thriving community that I'm both proud to be from and to represent, and one that has an excellent reputation far beyond our valley," continued Stout.

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