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Milpitas City Council Appoints New City Attorney *Michael Mutalipassi will oversee all of the City's Legal Affairs*

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The Milpitas City Council has selected a well-respected attorney to join the administration as the City's chief legal counsel and advisor. Michael Mutalipassi will be responsible for all of the City of Milpitas' legal affairs and will provide legal counsel to the City Council, City Commissions and Advisory Committees, and all of the City's departments.

Mutalipassi has served as the City of Salinas' Assistant City Attorney for close to six years. He was in charge of developing policies, resolutions, and ordinances associated with land use, housing and homelessness, code enforcement, criminal enforcement, and COVID-19. During his time at Salinas, he represented the City in the matter of *NRB, et al. v. Wilbur Ross et al.*, impact litigation seeking to ensure a fair and accurate 2020 National Census. Mr. Mutalipassi also played an important part in moving forward the development of two future growth areas in Salinas which will ultimately result in roughly 7,500 new units of housing. His expertise in municipal law and litigation is also reflected in the Continuing Education of the Bar (CEB) Municipal Handbook where he has served as editor since 2018. He is presently a member of the California League of Cities Municipal Finance Committee. Before his public service, Mutalipassi enjoyed a distinguished career in private practice focusing on insurance defense in catastrophic cases, general civil litigation, and business disputes.

"I am really honored to have been selected to be the City Attorney here in Milpitas. I've always believed in the impact of local governments in building and sustaining communities," Mutalipassi said. "I am looking forward to serving the Milpitas community."

After a competitive application process, Mutalipassi became the City's top candidate. Mayor Tran said, "I'm super excited for Michael Mutalipassi to join our Milpitas family as the City

Attorney. It's all hands-on deck in City Hall. Having access to a full-time City Attorney each and every day is a huge gamechanger to all things legal in Milpitas. We're going to dive deep into solving the issues facing our community like never before."

Mutalipassi obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree in English from California State University (Fullerton) in 2002 and a Master of Arts in Philosophy from Arizona State University (Tempe) in 2006. He received a Juris Doctor degree from University of California Hastings in 2010. Mr. Mutalipassi enjoys surfing, mountain biking, and playing his ukulele. He lives with his wife, son, and two miniature dachshunds. He will begin work with the City of Milpitas on April 26, 2022.

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About the City of Milpitas

Located at the southern end of San Francisco Bay, Milpitas is a progressive community that is an integral part of Silicon Valley. A full-service city with water utility, sewer utility, police and fire services, Milpitas celebrates a diverse population of 80,273. Under a Council-Manager form of government, the City Council has established the following seven priority areas of service and policy: public safety, environment, transportation and transit, economic development and job growth, neighborhoods and housing, community wellness and open space, and governance and administration. For more information, visit: www.ci.milpitas.ca.gov

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