



## **CITY OF STOCKTON NEWS RELEASE**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**  
Tuesday, November 1, 2011

**Contact: Connie Cochran**  
**Public Information Officer**  
(209) 937-8827  
connie.cochran@ci.stockton.ca.us

### **City Manager Will Remain in Stockton**

(Stockton, CA) - City Manager Bob Deis announced that he will remain in Stockton, ending weeks of speculation about what might happen and who would take the helm of City management.

“After much reflection and conferring with the City Council, I have decided to rescind my retirement notice and commit to staying at the City of Stockton,” said Deis. “We have too many challenges and opportunities to turn my back on at this time.”

The City Manager had announced his retirement in August, some speculating the safety and privacy of this family had been jeopardized, due to activities occurring at the house next door to his home, which has been purchased and is being remodeled by the Stockton Police Officers Association. Deis has remained silent on the matter other than to state it was a personal matter.

Deis noted an outpouring of support as the reason for staying. “Besides the wonderful dialogue with a great City Council, I have to admit, the people that I have met in

-more-more-more-

**City of Stockton**  
**News Release – City Manager**  
**November 1, 2011**  
**Page 2 of 2**

this community are truly remarkable - another reason Linda and I are reaffirming our commitment to this City.”

Mayor Ann Johnston was especially pleased that the City Manager has decided to stay. “This is great news for the City of Stockton. We really need Bob’s expertise, financial skills, and “can-do” attitude, as we work through these difficult times, bringing Stockton back from the brink.”

The City Council and City Manager met in a special, closed session meeting on Monday evening. No announcement was made immediately following the session. Councilmembers have expressed their support of his decision to stay.

“I am pleased that Bob has reconsidered his plans to retire,” added Councilmember Diana Lowery. “He will be able to assist the Council with implementing solutions to the challenges facing Stockton.”

Councilmember Dale Fritchen stated, “As we endeavor to successfully cross these difficult economic waters, we need all hands on deck. I am pleased that Bob has decided to continue to provide the City with his leadership.”

Councilmember Holman expressed his support for the City Manager’s decision. “I am very pleased that Bob and Linda have renewed their commitment to the City of Stockton. We have some difficult decisions to make for our city and I’m glad we will have Bob’s expertise at our disposal.”

###