

After Two Years of Service, Reina Schwartz, Clayton's City Manager, to Depart

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Clayton, Calif., (October 28, 2022) – Today, the city of Clayton announced that City Manager Reina Schwartz will depart the City effective February 3, 2023.

Having first arrived to the city of Clayton in 2020, Schwartz was a central figure in the City's crisis response efforts in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic.

“Reina's leadership has been invaluable to the city of Clayton, as during her tenure we were able to begin the process of modernizing how our city's government functions,” said Peter Cloven, Mayor, City of Clayton. “Although saddened by her departure, on behalf of our city, I wish her well, and want her to know that we will always keep an open door for her if she would like to return.”

During her tenure, Schwartz was able to navigate the city of Clayton through the pandemic where she developed internal and external strategies. On the external front, she was instrumental in developing the *Clayton Cares* program which became a lifeline for countless businesses throughout the city. Additionally, earlier this year, in conjunction with the City Council, Schwartz was able to implement *Essential Pay* for city workers in an effort to reinforce their value to Clayton residents.

Schwartz hired and managed significant key staff and worked through interim staffing shortages while providing Clayton residents with the quality services they desire. She has put key pieces in place to upgrade technology/information systems and increased transparency in our city operations and finances. Just this month, she spearheaded the engagement of a review of Clayton's energy/water use to identify conservation measures for long-term savings.

“It has been an honor to serve as Clayton's City Manager, however, if there was one thing I have learned during the pandemic it is that family time is important, and for that reason,” said Reina Schwartz, City Manager, City of Clayton, “I have determined I must now focus on my family obligations. I will always have a soft spot in my heart for Clayton, and I leave knowing that the City is in a stronger position to succeed in the future.”

With the notice of resignation submitted, the City Council will begin the development of a process to identify the City's next City Manager.

If you have any questions, please reach out to me at peterc@claytonca.gov or (925) 673-7320.

Respectfully,
Peter Cloven, Mayor