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City of Vallejo names new Finance Chief.

City Manager Phil Batchelor named Ms. Deborah Lauchner to the position of Finance Director today. Ms. Lauchner follows Mr. Robert Stout who served the City for seven years. Mr. Batchelor noted that “Debbi’s experience, intelligence and work ethic will be a great asset in making the City financially sustainable.”

Ms. Lauchner will start with the City on May 9, 2011. She is a native of the North Bay, graduating from high school in Santa Rosa and spending most of her life in the area. She is a third generation graduate of the University of California at Davis with a degree in Managerial Economics.

After working as a credit manager in the Federal government, Ms. Lauchner moved to local government as the Assistant Treasurer-Tax Collector in Santa Cruz County. She has worked in city government for the last ten years serving as the senior financial manager in Rohnert Park and Novato. Those cities have dealt with difficult budget problems like those facing Vallejo today. Deborah has made important contributions to help them improve their financial health. Her experience in financial reporting and analysis, budgeting, community outreach and information technology are important in her role in Vallejo. Ms. Lauchner will receive \$163,685 as the Finance Director for the City.