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City of Ojai to Hold Special Open Session Meeting Regarding Former Assistant City Manager Carl Alameda

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The City of Ojai will have a special open session City Council meeting at Kent Hall at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, May 27, to address recent events involving ex-Ojai Assistant City Manager Carl Alameda. Following the open session, the regularly scheduled City Council meeting will begin at 6 p.m.

The City of Ojai was notified on Thursday, May 15, that the [Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office](#) charged Alameda with 11 felonies for embezzlement and 23 counts of insurance fraud. The allegations state that Mr. Alameda misappropriated nearly \$200,000 when he was an Assistant City Manager with the City of La Cañada Flintridge prior to his service with the City of Ojai. Mr. Alameda is presumed innocent until proven guilty.

When the charges were made known, the City of Ojai placed Alameda on paid administrative leave. On Friday, May 16, the City terminated Alameda's employment.

The City of Ojai has conducted a preliminary internal review, and has not found any signs of financial misconduct during the time Alameda was employed. To be able to conduct an independent and in-depth assessment, the City is considering proposals from four qualified firms to perform a forensic financial examination: Eide Bailey, Guidepost Solutions, Kroll and Baker Tilly Company. The Ojai City Council will hold a special open session meeting on Tuesday, May 27, to make their selection. The meeting will begin at 5 p.m. and is open to the public. The selected firm will be asked to issue a summary of findings to be released to the public at the conclusion of their review.

The City of Ojai remains committed to public trust, transparency and the responsible stewardship of public funds. Additional updates will be provided to the public as more information becomes available.

For more information on the meeting, visit Ojai.ca.gov/525/2968/Public-Meetings. The agenda for the May 27 council meeting will be posted on Friday, May 23.