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THE CITY OF UKIAH HIGHLIGHTS COMMITMENT TO YOUTH EMPLOYMENT AND DIVERSITY

Ukiah, CA. October 12, 2023. The City of Ukiah, a dedicated advocate for youth employment and diversity, continues its mission to empower the future leaders of our community and to make strategic progress toward expanding the diversity of staff and programs in the city. As the largest employer of youth in the area, the City of Ukiah recognizes the invaluable contribution of young talent and the diverse strengths they bring to our community, including the increasing diversity of language.

In 2023, the City's Community Services Department employed over 120 bilingual staff in their child care programs. Additional efforts to expand programs and services to meet the needs of our Spanish-speaking community include providing over 200 swim lessons in Spanish, bilingual pay incentives to all City staff, and translation services at parades and other City-sponsored events.

The commitment to fostering youth talent was recently demonstrated at the Ukiah High School Career Fair, where the City of Ukiah actively participated. Various City divisions were represented at the event, including Police, Fire, Recreation, Engineering/Public Works, Airport, Community Development, and Human Resources. The presence of these divisions showcased the broad spectrum of opportunities available within the City of Ukiah.

"Our engagement at the Ukiah High School Career Fair was an opportunity to connect with the youth of our community and demonstrate the diverse career paths that the City of Ukiah offers," said Deputy City Manager Shannon Riley. "Our Spanish-speaking population is increasing. Therefore, the City is committed to linguistic diversity and continues to ensure that services and programs are accessible to all community members."

City Staff will again be engaging with the community through a booth at the Ukiah Country Pumpkinfest, October 14th and 15th. Their renaissance-themed booth will be near the entry to the Haunted House on School Street, where attendees can participate in raffles and giveaways, and find information about upcoming street projects, Phase IV Recycled Water project, home-buyer programs, and employment opportunities.

An additional resource is the [City of Ukiah Jobs Portal](#), where people can explore open positions at the City of Ukiah. Traci Boyl, Senior Management Analyst, states, "We hope you consider joining us to build a vibrant, inclusive, and diverse community. Together, we can shape a brighter future for our youth and the community as a whole."

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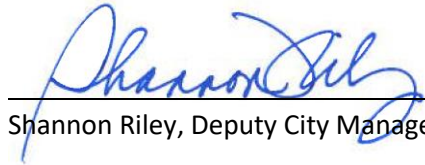
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