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City of Farmington Hills Statement on City Manager Transition

FARMINGTON HILLS, Mich. (Jan. 8, 2026) — The following is a statement from City of Farmington Hills Director of Communication and Community Engagement Vickie Sullen-Winn:

Following actions taken in the City of Farmington Hills during last night's Special Council Meeting, including Council's acceptance of City Manager Gary Mekjian's resignation, the City is moving forward with next steps in line with established procedures. The formal separation agreement will be considered at an upcoming City Council meeting, and meeting details will be posted in advance to keep the community informed.

During this transition, Assistant City Manager Karen Mondora will serve as acting city manager to ensure continuity. City administration and staff remain committed to carrying out their responsibilities with professionalism, maintaining consistent operations and services for residents.

The City remains focused on supporting the community and delivering reliable, high-quality public services.

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About the City of Farmington Hills

The City of Farmington Hills is a place where everyone is welcome. Founded in 1973, it is one of the largest communities in Oakland County. Farmington Hills is home to more than 83,000 residents who speak more than 60 languages, and more than 75 Fortune 500 businesses, including multinational corporations like Nissan and Bosch. The City is routinely recognized as one of the safest cities of its size and is known for its extensive amenities, including over 600 acres of parks, 90 athletic fields, six miles of hiking and walking trails, the Farmington Hills Golf Club, and an Ice Arena. Farmington Hills is also home to The Hawk, an award-winning, approximately 270,000-square-foot recreation and arts venue, which includes The Hawk Theatre and The Hawk Makerspace. For more information, visit www.fhgov.com.

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