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**DBI APPOINTS EXPERT BUILDING OFFICIAL SAM SHAHROURI AS CHIEF
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER FOR PERMIT SERVICES**

Shahrouri's focus is to streamline DBI's permit services and implement Electronic Plan Review

SAN FRANCISCO, CA— Interim Director of the San Francisco Department of Building Inspection (DBI) Patrick O'Riordan today announced the appointment of Issam "Sam" Shahrouri as DBI's new Chief Administrative Officer for Permit Services.

"I'm thrilled to welcome Sam Shahrouri to DBI's executive management team," said O'Riordan, "where he will work closely with me and other senior staff in planning, managing and implementing the integration of DBI's Permit Services into our new 49 South Van Ness One-Stop Permit Center. Sam will provide expert and experienced leadership and management of DBI's implementation of electronic plan review (EPR), and improve our ability to review, approve and issue a wide range of building safety permits faster and more efficiently."

"It is an honor to join DBI's executive management team and to contribute my skills and experience at this critical time in the Department's continuing growth and development," Shahrouri said. "With my firm belief that technology is inseparable from the operations of an effective building department and delivery of customer services, I look forward to leading the implementation of electronic plan review and other technologies that will enable us to streamline our operations and process customer applications more efficiently."

As Chief Administrative Officer of Permit Services, a new position created by Interim Director O'Riordan to provide a vision and leadership for modernizing and streamlining DBI's permit services division, Shahrouri will lead a team of 80 plan review engineers, permit technicians and related staff. He will report directly to Interim Director O'Riordan and will work closely with DBI's Information Technology (IT) team of experts to adapt and apply 21st century technologies to the permit review, approval and issuance process.

Shahrouri offers more than 30 years' professional experience in the administration, application and enforcement of California's building safety codes, including serving as the Chief Building Official for the City of Oakland during this past year. He is the former Building Official for Costa Mesa, and the former Deputy Building Official for Laguna Beach. With a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from California State University Fullerton, as well as a Masters and a Ph.D. in Economics, Shahrouri has worked extensively in both the private and public sectors as a licensed civil engineer and as a certified building official, and has served in multiple supervisory levels throughout his career.



In recent years, Shahrouri has focused particularly on how to adopt technologies to improve building department productivity and has published his analyses and recommendations with the California Building Officials organization (CALBO).

In addition to serving as a member of CALBO's Technology and Innovation Committee for the past four years, Shahrouri also is an active member of the International Code Committee's Code Development Committee, and he has managed and implemented multiple permitting software technology systems covering permitting, customer queuing and electronic plan check (EPR) systems. He also has formed a county-wide building code Board of Appeals for Orange County.

The Department of Building Inspection (DBI) is the regulatory building safety agency responsible for overseeing the effective and efficient enforcement of building, electrical, plumbing, disability access and housing codes for the City and County of San Francisco's more than 200,000 commercial and residential buildings. Please visit www.sfdbi.org for more information.

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