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**PRESS RELEASE
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RE: INVESTIGATION BY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

Based on recent activity by investigators of the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office, it appears that they are conducting an investigation that in some way involves Mayor James Ledford. To our knowledge at this time, no criminal charges have been filed. Mayor Ledford has always been transparent and cooperative regarding any inquiries into his employment or his position as Mayor. He has cooperated with the District Attorney's Office and he will continue to cooperate with the review of any documents or materials they seek.

Mayor Ledford is innocent of any alleged misconduct or criminal charges. We are confident that when the District Attorney's inquiry is concluded, he will be cleared of all accusations.

The Mayor has faithfully served his community for over 30 years. Under his leadership, Palmdale continues to grow and flourish. With the aerospace industry as the foundation of economic growth and job creation, the city attracts businesses of all types to support a growing middle class population. By every statistically measure, Palmdale excels under the Mayor's leadership. This has been reaffirmed time and time again by the voters' overwhelming support for the Mayor in the polling booth for 13 terms.

The presumption of innocence is the hallmark of the American justice system. We hope that public and the press will honor this sacred and fundamental principle. We request you responsibly reserve judgment until the investigation is completed and any court proceedings are concluded.