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Los Angeles Public Library Announces Chad Helton as New Director for Branch Library Services

LOS ANGELES (October 20, 2017)—The Los Angeles Public Library (LAPL) has announced the appointment of Chad Helton to serve as Director of Branch Library Services, effective November 13, 2017. He will provide oversight and direction for overall operations of the 72 branch libraries. He will be closely involved with the library's strategic planning initiatives, budget development, branch operations and patron services.

"We are thrilled to welcome Chad to our executive management team," said City Librarian John F. Szabo. "Chad's outstanding experiences in a variety of library environments make him uniquely qualified for this important leadership role at LAPL. I look forward to working with him in delivering the innovative resources, services and facilities that enrich, educate and empower all Angelenos."

"It is truly an honor and a privilege to work with such an amazing organization and an outstanding library staff," said Helton. "I am humbled and excited to serve the people of Los Angeles."

Helton is currently deputy county librarian for Contra Costa County Library. In his career, he has held management positions at the Palo Alto City Library, Stanford University Green Library and University of California Davis Shields Library. He completed his master's degree in Library and Information Studies at Florida State University and holds a master's in Public Administration from the University of San Francisco. His bachelor's degree is in African American Studies from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

A recipient of the nation's highest honor for library service—the National Medal from the Institute of Museum and Library Services, the Los Angeles Public Library serves the largest and most diverse urban population of any library in the nation. Its Central Library, 72 branch libraries, collection of more than 6 million books, state-of-the-art technology accessible at www.lapl.org, and more than 18,000 public programs a year provide everyone with free and easy access to information and the opportunity for life-long learning.

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