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City Council Names Alfred Lott New City Manager of Bowie

After an exhaustive nationwide search, the Bowie City Council announced today that it has made its selection for the next City Manager of Bowie. Mr. Alfred Lott, a resident of the Northridge section of Bowie, will assume the top non-elected position in City government on December 19, 2016. The position has been vacant since June, when David Deutsch retired after 23 years on the job. Assistant City Manager John Fitzwater has been Acting City Manager in the interim.

Mr. Lott is an experienced municipal leader, having served as Public Works Director of Takoma Park, Maryland, Assistant City Manager of College Park, Maryland, and City Manager of Albany, Georgia, a city of 77,000 residents and over 1,000 employees. Mayor G. Frederick Robinson characterizes Bowie's new City Manager as an "incredibly effective manager, who has extensive military command experience and who has shown discipline and resourcefulness throughout his career in municipal government. We look forward to getting him on board and working together for Bowie."

Alfred Lott will come to the City of Bowie government after most recently working as the Director of the Impact Aid Program, Office of Elementary and Secondary Education, US Department of Education. He also is a 22-year veteran of the United States Army, retiring at the rank of Lieutenant Colonel, after serving as an infantryman, aviator, public affairs officer, and commander. He earned his Bachelor of Science at Tuskegee University and a Master of Science Degree in Public Administration from the University of Central Texas. He also earned a Graduate Certificate in Public Management from George Washington University in 2004.

There is a strong tradition of government service in Mr. Lott's family as two of his grandparents were World War I veterans, his father served during World War II, and his wife Carolyn was an Army Colonel before she retired. She is currently an administrator at NASA Goddard.

He takes over the helm of the fifth most populous city in the state of Maryland just before the annual budget planning process begins. Over the years Bowie has grown from a small railroad town to a diverse city of 56,000 residents, where the median income is \$106,396 and the median home value is almost \$300,000. The City is very stable, financially, being only one of two cities in Maryland with a AAA bond rating.

The City of Bowie has a Council/Manager form of government. The Council is the governing body of the City, elected by, and responsible to the voters for the operation of the City. The Council has oversight function and general responsibility for municipal affairs through budgeting and setting policy. The Council appoints and directs the City Manager. The City Manager serves as the chief executive officer of the City and is responsible for the effective management of all financial and administrative actions of the City. The City Manager is responsible for implementing all policy matters established by the City Council and enforcing all City ordinances.

Mr. Lott will be introduced at a **press conference on Thursday, November 17, 2016 at 10 a.m. at Bowie City Hall**. The community will also have an opportunity to meet its new City Manager at a meet and greet reception to be scheduled soon.

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