



# City of Ojai

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## City of Ojai Terminates Assistant City Manager Carl Alameda and Launches Special Audit

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The City of Ojai is committed to maintaining the highest standards of fiscal responsibility and public trust. To that end, the City announces that the employment of Carl Alameda, Assistant City Manager, has been terminated, effective May 16, 2025.

In conjunction with this personnel action, the City has initiated a special audit to ensure that all financial transactions have been conducted appropriately and that there has been no misappropriation of funds.

It is also of concern to the City that no communication or formal notification regarding the investigation or charges brought were provided to City leadership by the agencies involved. Therefore, the City will be reaching out to the relevant agencies to understand why it was not informed of the pending investigation or charges brought against Mr. Alameda.

The City understands that the public has questions and concerns during this time. The City is committed to transparency and will provide an update on the findings of the special audit as soon as it is complete and all information can be accurately and comprehensively reported.

The City is taking these steps to uphold our commitment to accountability and to safeguard the public's resources.

FAQs:

- **Has any financial misconduct occurred in the City of Ojai?** The City is in the process of procuring a special audit which will be made public upon completion to ensure no financial misconduct occurred.
- **When was the City made aware of the charges?** May 15<sup>th</sup> when the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office issued a press release.
- **Was the City aware of the allegations or investigations upon hiring this person?** No. Since the investigation was ongoing during the time of his hire, details about the alleged crimes were confidential and not disclosed to the City.
- **What safeguards are in place to ensure financial misconduct does not happen in Ojai?** The City undergoes regular audits, which include close reviews of all cash management, and internal controls. The City recently hired Eide Bailly, CPAs, to conduct a review of internal controls. Staff continuously reviews internal controls to safeguard against financial improprieties.
- **What is the employment status of Mr. Alameda at the City of Ojai?** As of May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025, Mr. Alameda has been terminated from employment from the City of Ojai.

For additional information or questions regarding the charges brought against Mr. Alameda, contact the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office or the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.