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City of Monterey Park Partners with The Mission Continues Fellowship Program to Host Six-Month Veteran Fellowship

Monterey Park, Calif. - September 15, 2014 - The City of Monterey Park has joined forces with The Mission Continues Fellowship Program to provide United States Marine Corps veteran Mark Kleinsmith a six-month employment fellowship with the city.

The city is pleased to work with the Mission Continues Fellowship Program in support of our veterans. The Mission Continues Fellowship, whose goal is to empower returning veterans with a way to continue serving our country while succeeding in their career goals, affords veterans facing the challenge of adjusting to life at home new missions in their communities.

Mark Kleinsmith, coming from a military family, joined the Marine Corps to continue the family tradition. He served one tour in Iraq and one 31st MEU deployment. During his service Kleinsmith attained the rank of sergeant and was awarded the Navy Achievement Medal. Kleinsmith recently graduated from California State University, Los Angeles with a Bachelor's Degree in Finance. He will work closely with the director of management services to audit and analyze the vehicle replacement and information technology funds for the city. In addition, he will make policy recommendations to improve the cost effectiveness of city vehicles life cycles, and will also work to improve the equitable allocation of IT expense charges and services to departments. Working in the finance department, Kleinsmith will be able to apply what he learned in the classroom and gain valuable experience and knowledge about city financial operations.

Council Member Teresa Real Sebastian, who met Mark Kleinsmith at a veteran's event, and brought this program to the attention of Monterey Park staff, said, "We are proud to support our veterans and are extremely pleased to be able to help Mark Kleinsmith continue his commitment to help others through the Mission Continues Fellowship Program with the City of Monterey Park."

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