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East Palo Alto's new man

East Palo Alto residents have a city manager to call their own as of Thursday. Frederic A. Howell officially took the post as the city's first city manager. Howell, a former director of community development at Davis and a former planner for the city of San Mateo, said he spent his first day on the job "just finding my way around." The City Council will hold a reception for Howell between 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. next Thursday at the Parks and Recreation Department Social Center, 550 Bell St.