NEWS Redevelopment head leaves post

East Palo Alto redevelopment manager Ricardo Noguera said yesterday he plans to leave the city at the end of the month and move to Florida to be closer to his family.

Noguera has headed the city's redevelopment department for the past three years and saw University Circle, the Ravenswood 101 Shopping Center, and Ikea furniture store go up under his watch.

Noguera said his decision to leave came about a month ago. He said he missed his parents, plus "the market wasn't helping me either. I'm not getting the calls from the developers anymore," Noguera said. His last day will be Oct. 25.

Noguera said he will be heading the redevelopment department for Broward County in Florida.

City officials said they are looking for a new redevelopment manager.