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TDLR names new deputy executive director, Mike Arismendez

AUSTIN – Mike Arismendez has been named deputy executive director of the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation.

Arismendez is a former City Manager and City Council member of the City of Shallowater, and a past legislative director for State Representative Carl H. Isett. He also is a former chair of the Texas Commission of Licensing and Regulation.

"Mike's capacity to listen, understand, and accomplish goals and objectives will make him a valued member of the team, and his time on the Commission and knowledge of TDLR's programs will be a major asset in his service to the agency," said Brian E. Francis, TDLR executive director. "Mike's strong relationships with the staff and TDLR's stakeholders will reduce the learning curve and help him settle into the work process. "

Arismendez's first day with TDLR is March 26.

About TDLR

TDLR provides regulatory oversight for a broad range of occupations, businesses, facilities, and equipment in Texas. The agency protects the health and safety of Texans by ensuring they are served by qualified, licensed professionals. Inspections of individuals, businesses, and equipment are done on a regular basis to safeguard the public. Currently, the agency regulates 39 business and occupational licensing programs with more than 800,000 licensees across the state.

Visit TDLR's <u>website</u> for more information and resources. You can search the <u>TDLR licensee database</u>, and also find <u>past violations</u> in which a final order was issued against companies or individuals. TDLR's Customer Service line is available anytime between 7 a.m. until 6 p.m., Monday through Friday, at 1-800-803-9202. TDLR representatives are fluent in English, Spanish, Vietnamese, Korean and Chinese.

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