

June 10, 2010

Mayor Loveridge and Council Members:

I am pleased to announce the appointment of Sergio Diaz as Chief of Police for the City of Riverside.

Chief Diaz will take the helm on July 1st, following more than three decades of service with the Los Angeles Police Department where he attained the rank of Deputy Chief.

His extensive experience with LAPD includes command of Central Bureau Operations as well as the department's Training Division, and leadership positions in Special Operations, Patrol and Internal Affairs. Chief Diaz brings a wealth of professional police management experience, along with a commitment to Community Policing honed over years of service to area residents.

This selection culminated an extensive search which drew extremely well qualified candidates from throughout the nation. I believe that the level of interest in Riverside's recruitment reflects the wonderful quality of life in our City as well as the reputation of RPD.

The Department has faced heightened challenges over the past several months, and I appreciate Asst. Chief DeLaRosa's service through this transitional period. I extend best wishes to John and his family as he embarks upon retirement.

The appointment of a new Police Chief is yet another positive step in RPD's evolution as a professional law enforcement organization. Chief Diaz's skilled leadership will ensure that the Department builds strongly upon the successes achieved over the past decade, while preparing officers at all levels for their roles in RPD's future.

I look forward to the Chief's introduction to our community, and the start of his tenure in leading our Police Department. Chief Diaz will be introduced to the community on Tuesday, June 15th at 5:30PM in the Grier Pavilion.

Bradley J. Hudson
City Manager