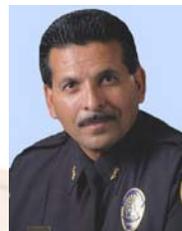


Veteran Inland Empire Law Enforcement Officer Named Palm Springs Chief of Police

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David G. Dominguez, a 28-year law enforcement veteran, has been named, by City Manager David H. Ready, as Palm Springs' new Chief of Police; an employment contract will be submitted to the City Council for consideration on December 19th. If approved, Dominguez is scheduled to begin duties Monday, February 4.

Dominguez, 52, who for the past four years worked as Deputy Chief of Police with the Riverside Police Department, was selected from a competitive pool of 69 candidates from throughout the country. He will replace Chief Gary Jeandron who retires at the end of this month. Dominguez will be the City's 12th Police Chief since 1940 when the City took over the Police Protection District.

"I am excited about the tremendous opportunity to be Chief of the Palm Springs Police Department and look forward to working with the community and the women and men of an outstanding law-enforcement organization," Dominguez said.

He has nearly three decades of law enforcement experience in the Inland Empire and has held various executive and command-level positions.

"He brings an outstanding proven performance record, effective community policing and neighborhood outreach, and problem-solving strategies, as well as an open and approachable goal-oriented management style," Ready said. "He offers professionalism, credibility, possesses a deep understanding of community issues, has exhibited sharp leadership skills and has demonstrated a solid working relationship with his employees."

As Deputy Chief of Police since 2003, Dominguez's responsibilities included operational and administrative oversight of the Riverside Police Department, and overseeing an \$89 million budget and more than 600 sworn and civilian

positions. He also helped oversee implementation of the Department's Strategic Plan.

Dominguez was instrumental in developing and expanding the Department's community policing programs and collaborated with the District Attorney and Sheriff's Department to develop and implement a Regional Gang Task Force and Gang Injunction Program in the City of Riverside. He also managed the procurement of more than \$1.5 million in State and Federal Grants for personnel, equipment and technology relative to homeland security, traffic safety and law enforcement operations. Dominguez also was instrumental in developing mental health crisis intervention training and a Crisis Intervention Response Team.

Dominguez has a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Criminal Justice from California State University Fullerton and a Master's Degree in Public Administration also from California State University Fullerton. He served as President of the California Peace Officers' Association in 2001-2002 and is currently President of the Riverside County Law Enforcement Administrators Association.

Dominguez has been active in his community and currently sits on the Board of Directors for the Riverside Community Health Foundation, Coalition for Common Ground and the Latino Network.

He and his wife Rosella have three children: Christina, Jessica and Dominic. When Dominguez isn't working, he is involved in coaching various youth sports, camping, and spending time with his family.

The hire culminates an extensive recruitment search and interview process. The City Manager formed an Interview Committee, which consisted of a City Council subcommittee of Councilmembers Chris Mills and Ginny Foat; Police Chief Gary Jeandron; Rob Parkins, former Palm Springs City Manager and current General Manager of the Palm Springs Aerial Tramway; Dorothy Bowens, a member of the Desert Highland Gateway Estates Community Action Association; Nick Chicola, vice president of the Deepwell Estates Neighborhood Organization; and Jack Becker, Police Advisory Board member.

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