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Chief Corpuz to Retire after 30 years of Public Service in Milpitas

Milpitas, CA – Police Chief Armando Corpuz has announced his retirement after a 30-year career with the Milpitas Police Department. Under Chief Corpuz's leadership, the City established significant partnerships with local community-based organizations such as the Milpitas Unified School District Parent Teacher Association, Rotary and various faith-based institutions among many others. This translated to a high-level of public safety support and service to a very diverse community. During his time as Chief, he led a Police Recruitment Team that helped advance police satisfaction ratings and increase staff retention and new talent acquisition rates. His final day on the job is December 30, 2020.

"It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as Milpitas' chief of police," Corpuz said in a news release. "I consider it a blessing to be given the opportunity to serve a city where I was raised and a place where my parents still reside. It is a bittersweet decision, but I leave with a heart of gratitude for a rewarding career."

Milpitas Mayor Rich Tran shared "I am very grateful for Armando's leadership in our City. He has always been focused on transparency and open communication and genuinely cared for the community in which he was raised. He will leave big shoes to fill."

"Chief Corpuz is a devoted public servant who is deeply committed to the community, the police department and the entire City organization. He has been an outstanding member of the leadership team especially as we respond to the community's needs and seek to retain the public's confidence during challenging times such as the current COVID-19 crisis," said Steve McHarris, City Manager. "His legacy will live on within the Milpitas Police Department because he nurtured a community first culture. He will be greatly missed."

To ensure continued leadership of the Milpitas Police Department, City Manager Steve McHarris will be appointing Assistant Police Chief Jared Hernandez to serve as Acting Police Chief. As a police officer Jared served in a variety of roles including Crisis Negotiator, Field Training Officer and Detective in the Special Investigations Unit. Jared was promoted to a

Lieutenant in 2016, Captain in 2019 and Assistant Police Chief in 2020. He began his career with the City of Milpitas in 1991, as a volunteer in the Police Department's Explorer program. Jared has deep roots in the City having attended Curtner Elementary School, Thomas Russell Middle School and Milpitas High School. His first day on the job is December 31, 2020.

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About the City of Milpitas

Located at the southern end of San Francisco Bay, Milpitas is a progressive community that is an integral part of Silicon Valley. A full-service city with water utility, sewer utility, police and fire services, Milpitas celebrates a diverse population of nearly 80,000. Under a Council-Manager form of government, the City Council has established the following seven priority areas of service and policy: public safety, environment, transportation and transit, economic development and job growth, neighborhoods and housing, community wellness and open space, and governance and administration. For more information visit: www.ci.milpitas.ca.gov