

RESOLUTION NUMBER R 298264

ADOPTED ON JUL 29 2003

WHEREAS, Council Policy 300-8 provides for a procedure for the confirmation of the appointment of the Chief of Police; and

WHEREAS, such procedure requires a public hearing before the Council Committee of the Whole for the purpose of soliciting public input and a subsequent public meeting for the City Council to deliberate and make a decision on the confirmation; and

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police David Bejarano officially resigned from City service effective April 25, 2003; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager has conducted a national recruitment using a professional executive search firm with all qualified candidates within the Department encouraged to apply; and

WHEREAS, the Manager's selection process for making his appointment was designed to incorporate community forums, citizen feedback, and departmental discussions seeking input regarding the qualities and attributes the new Chief of Police Designate should possess; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager selected a representative group of 22 individuals from various communities, including law enforcement, academia, military, social service, gay and lesbian, religious, legal, business and disability community to assist the City Manager in evaluating the attributes of candidates for the Chief of Police Designate; and

WHEREAS, the community panel interviewed 10 candidates; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager and Assistant City Manager personally interviewed the 10 candidates, completed reference reviews; and

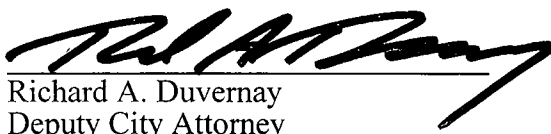
WHEREAS, for the last two Police Chief confirmations, made in 1993 and 1999, the City Council waived the application of Council Policy 300-8; and

WHEREAS, past waivers of the Council Policy were out of recognition of the public input solicited by the City Manager in the appointment process; and

WHEREAS, because the Council Committee of the Whole has not been active since the late 1980s and because it makes practical sense to consolidate the public hearing with Council deliberation and action at a single meeting of the City Council; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of San Diego, that this Council for reasons of convenience and efficiency hereby partially waives the procedures set forth in Council Policy 300-8 with respect to the requirement for a public hearing before the Council Committee of the Whole in order to consolidate the public hearing to solicit input on the Police Chief Designee at the same meeting of the City Council where action will be taken to confirm or deny the appointment of the City Manager.

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