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## **Baldwin Park Appoints New Chief of Police**

**Baldwin Park, Calif.** (Wednesday, November 20, 2019) The Baldwin Park City Council unanimously appointed Steven McLean to serve as the City's next Police Chief. His term will begin immediately after the Councilmembers approve his contract during the December 4th, 2019 Council meeting.

Chief McLean began as an officer who worked his way up through the ranks of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department. In 2013, he was tapped to serve as Chief of Police in the City of Santa Paula, where he has served until this month.

As Chief of Police, McLean will be responsible for administering and enhancing the department's high level of policing services, overseeing public safety programs, and providing public safety recommendations to members of the City Council and staff.

McLean was among the sixteen candidates who were vetted this summer via a national search to head the Baldwin Park Police Department. City staff reviewed the resumes and recommended viable candidates to the hiring committee.

"The City Council and I are ecstatic in welcoming Chief McLean. Steven is a community-oriented Chief who recognizes the value of working with our residents to ensure that all laws are obeyed and administered." Mayor Manuel Lozano said in a statement, "Chief McLean will continue to implement our current public safety and community programs including the Citizen's Academy, National Night Out, Police Explorers and many others. Please join me in welcoming Chief McLean!"

Baldwin Park CEO Shannon Yahtzee commented, "Mr. McLean is the most qualified candidate of what was an excellent candidate pool. He has the passion and dedication Baldwin Park deserves, and he will take law enforcement in this city to the next level. I am sure of that."

“I always wanted to be police chief of a city,” said McLean. “I felt with my experience; I have much to offer the department and the community of Baldwin Park. “I’m a high-energy police chief,” McLean noted, “and I’m a Police Chief seven days a week, 24 hours a day.”

His experiences as a child shaped McLean’s philosophy as a police officer: “Although I came on at a time when it was an ‘us against them’ mentality, and there was no community policing- I always believed that effective policing is achieved through a community effort.”

McLean said, “The key to being an effective Chief is the ability to collaborate with the community, all the community,” he looks forward to being involved and hands-on.

McLean obtained an Associates of Science in Administration of Justice, Bachelor of Science Degree in Occupational Studies from California State University Long Beach, a Master of Science Degree in Homeland Security from Tiffin University, and is a graduate of the FBI National Academy.

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