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## **Pleasanton Announces New Police Chief**

PLEASANTON, Calif. —After a highly competitive selection and recruitment process, the City of Pleasanton announces the appointment of its new Police Chief, David L. Swing effective Monday, April 13, 2020.

Chief Swing brings over 25 years of demonstrated law enforcement and leadership experience to Pleasanton. He has a proven track record of strategic budget management, commitment to community engagement and personnel development, and has been a pioneer in deploying new law enforcement technology to meet the complex challenges of a progressive community like Pleasanton.

Chief Swing has been the Police Chief of Morgan Hill since 2011. While serving as Chief, Swing also served as president of the California Police Chiefs Association where he actively engaged state legislators and successfully influenced legislation impacting California law enforcement agencies.

Swing began his career in law enforcement as a reserve police officer with the Morgan Hill Police Department in 1995 and rose through the ranks to police officer/recruit and traffic officer, police corporal, sergeant, commander, and was named chief in 2011.

“Chief Swing’s public administration background, and his experience in implementing innovative technology solutions, coupled with his strong aptitude in building lasting

relationships will advance our police department and position our community well into the future,” said city manager Nelson Fialho. He further adds, “I’m confident that he will assimilate well into our community and the Police Department organization.”

Swing received his bachelor of arts degree and master’s in public administration from San Jose State University, and is a graduate of the POST Command College. Additionally, he holds a certification as a POST Executive and is a regular instructor at the South Bay Regional Public Safety Training Consortium teaching a management course focusing on budget, strategic planning, and succession planning.

“I am honored and thrilled to be entrusted with this amazing opportunity. I look forward to getting to know the community and the dedicated women and men of the Pleasanton Police Department; working together to continue and enhance the culture of proactive community policing and exceptional service provided to our residents and guests,” said Swing.

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