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Sandra R. Spagnoli Selected as San Leandro Police Chief

A twenty year law enforcement veteran, Benicia Police Chief Sandra Spagnoli, has been selected as San Leandro's next Chief of Police, City Manager Steve Hollister announced today. Chief Spagnoli has been Benicia's Police Chief for the past four years. Prior to that, she was with the San Carlos Police Department for sixteen years, the last eight as a commander.

Chief Spagnoli has an extensive record of accomplishments in law enforcement, including community policing, technology, organizational development, and service sharing and consolidation. In her tenure with the San Carlos Police Department, Spagnoli received the Public Technology Institute Achievement Award for her efforts in advancing technology within SCPD. A brief biography and photo are attached.

Chief Spagnoli is a graduate of both the California Peace Officers Standards and Training (POST) Police Command College and the FBI National Academy. She holds a Bachelors degree in Human Services Management, and a Masters of Public Administration degree in Human Resource Management, both from the College of Notre Dame in Belmont, CA. She is currently enrolled in the Naval Postgraduate School – Center for Homeland Security Executive Leadership Program. Chief Spagnoli is an instructor at the Los Angeles Police Department's West Point Leadership Academy. She also serves on a POST Advisory Committee and is the First Vice President for the California Peace Officers Association.

"Chief Spagnoli is an exceptional Police leader who has a history of positive innovations and partnerships. She cares about her department, the community, and its citizens," Hollister said. "We had a very talented group of Police Chief candidates, and Sandra impressed both the community and professional panels. I am excited to have her as a member of the San Leandro

team, and I am confident she will maintain and enhance the San Leandro Police Department's excellent service and reputation, just as retiring Chief Ian Willis has done."

"I am extremely honored to be selected as San Leandro's next police chief," said Spagnoli. "The Police Department has a great reputation in their dedication to providing a high level of public safety. I am committed to building on the existing traditions of excellence and working in partnership with the community to continue to enhance levels of service, safety and security." Spagnoli will assume command of the San Leandro Police Department on January 10, 2011.

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