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SAN FERNANDO CITY MANAGER SELECTS SAN GABRIEL CAPTAIN FABIAN VALDEZ TO SERVE AS SAN FERNANDO'S NEXT POLICE CHIEF

SAN FERNANDO, CA – Following an exhaustive search, San Fernando City Manager Nick Kimball has selected Fabian Valdez to succeed Chief Anthony Vairo, who retired in December 2021. Fabian Valdez is currently a Police Captain for the City of San Gabriel Police Department.

Captain Valdez has been in law enforcement for more than 23 years and has spent his entire career with the San Gabriel Police Department. Captain Valdez has served at every rank within the San Gabriel Police Department, including Police Officer, School Resource Officer, Sergeant,



Lieutenant, and Captain. Throughout the recruitment process, Captain Valdez demonstrated himself to be an experienced, enlightened, community centric police leader who combines a global perspective with a collaborative approach to community policing strategies.

In addition to possessing Bachelor of Science in Business Administration and Master of Business Administration Degrees from the University of La Verne, Captain Valdez is bilingual, an instructor at the Rio Hondo Police Academy, and adjunct professor at National University.

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Captain Valdez is excited to begin the assignment to lead the San Fernando Police Department. "I am looking forward to strengthening the well-established relationship between the San Fernando Police Department and our community stakeholders through progressive policing strategies and community input."

According to City Manager Nick Kimball, "Captain Valdez demonstrated a high level of excitement and breadth of fresh ideas for community policing that I believe will be of great value to the Department. He also expressed his eagerness for connecting directly with our Spanish speaking residents and business owners."

Captain Valdez's first day as San Fernando Police Chief is tentatively slated for Tuesday, February 22, 2022. The City engaged executive search firm, Ralph Andersen & Associates, to assist with the recruitment of the Police Chief and held a virtual Town Hall on September 21, 2021 to receive feedback from the community on the desired qualities and characteristics of San Fernando's next Police Chief.

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