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## **Montebello Appoints Paul Espinosa As Its New Police Chief**

Chief Espinosa replaces retiring Chief Brad Keller

**Montebello, CA** – Montebello City Manager René Bobadilla today announced the appointment of Paul Espinosa to the full time position of Chief of Police for the Montebello Police Department. Chief Espinosa was selected following an extensive search and recruitment effort during which outgoing Chief Brad Keller agreed to remain in place as police chief in order to facilitate continuity and a smooth transition to new leadership. Chief Espinosa officially assumes his new position on April 11, 2022.

“We are very excited and pleased that Paul has agreed to join and help lead our police force into the future,” said Mr. Bobadilla. “His extensive and distinguished career with the Los Angeles Police Department and deep experience in many aspects of modern policing will provide immediate value to our City and our residents.” Chief Espinosa has served 28 years with the LAPD and brings a wealth of knowledge and insight having operated among 11 different LAPD stations and within many of their specialized divisions including training, community policing, gang impact and narcotic enforcement.

Chief Espinosa is looking forward to working with Montebello’s resident community and officers to help improve the safety and quality of life in the City for all residents. “I am honored to accept this important and vital position serving Montebello,” said Chief Espinosa. “I look forward to working with each and every member of the Police Department, the City Council and City leaders to ensure we find meaningful ways to enhance policing and public safety. I want to work collaboratively with all stakeholders to create a culture of protection and service that focuses on improving the quality of life here in Montebello.”

In addition to dedicating time to LAPD and his family, Chief Espinosa enjoys running, cycling, swimming, and almost all outdoor athletic activities. Family, faith, public service, and fitness are his priorities in life. He is an active member of several external law enforcement groups including the Latin American and Asian and Pacific Islanders Law Associations. He received his bachelor degree in political science from Cal State Northridge and is pursuing a master of law enforcement at the University of San Diego.

*The City of Montebello was founded in 1920 and is located eight miles southeast of downtown Los Angeles. Its history dates back to the days of the Franciscan missionaries and today boasts a full array of services including police, fire and one of the region’s largest public transportation systems, [Montebello Bus Lines](#). The city’s multi-cultural resident population is approximately 65,000 covering a footprint of approximately four square miles. For more information visit [www.cityofmontebello.com](http://www.cityofmontebello.com) or follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).*

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