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# PRESS RELEASE

**JULY 19, 2022**

## **Interim Chief of Police Announcement**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (Pacifica, CA) - On July 19, 2022, Pacifica City Manager Kevin Woodhouse would like to announce the appointment of Interim Police Chief Kirk Stratton. Chief Stratton will be replacing retired Chief Dan Steidle, until a permanent Police Chief is selected in the near future. Chief Stratton comes to Pacifica after retiring in 2020, after serving 27 years for the Town of Colma, with the last six years of his career as Chief of Police.

Chief Stratton is currently an Administration of Justice Adjunct Professor in the San Mateo County Community College District. He is also an instructor for the South Bay Regional Training Consortium (Police Academy). Chief Stratton possesses a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice from California State University at Sacramento, and is a graduate of the FBI National Academy. He is an active member of the California Police Chief's Association and International Association of Chiefs of Police.

Chief Stratton is well-suited and excited to lead this transition for our police department. But, even more importantly, he is looking forward to serving our diverse community and continuing to build upon community engagement.

"Chief Stratton's long career in policing in our region, familiarity with Pacifica, and his previous experience as Police Chief in Colma makes him an outstanding choice as Interim Police Chief for Pacifica," Woodhouse stated, continuing, "I am confident he will continue seamlessly leading,

along with the experienced command staff of Captains Clements and Glasgow, the department's exceptional policing operations, ethics, and culture while the recruitment for a permanent Chief is carried out.”

Chief Stratton's first day will be Wednesday, July 20<sup>th</sup>.

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