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**Date:** May 26, 2016  
**Contact:** Steven Adams, City Manager, (831) 386-5925  
**Subject:** **Robert Masterson Appointed as New King City Police Chief**

Steve Adams, the City Manager of King City, has announced the appointment of Robert Masterson as the City's full-time Chief of Police. Mr. Masterson was selected following an extensive recruitment, selection and background review process lasting several months. The process included outreach, interviews and reference checks by a leading professional executive search firm; interviews by three panels of well-respected city managers, police chiefs and community members; interviews and reference checks by the City Manager; and then an extensive background investigation by a professional investigator consistent with California Police Officer Standards and Training (POST) guidelines.

According to City Manager Adams, "we worked very hard to find someone to lead our Police Department that has a record of high ethical standards, strong technical skills to improve public safety in our community, strong leadership skills to mentor officers as we rebuild our Police Department, and someone who is dedicated to public service and community outreach to rebuild trust and an effective partnership with our citizens." Adams further stated that "I feel King City is very fortunate that we are hiring someone that so closely meets all these goals and I look forward to partnering with Bob to continue efforts to make King City the safest place possible and the Police Department one that the entire community will be proud of now and in the future."

Mr. Masterson has a distinguished career in law enforcement, including 20 years with the Tulare County Sheriff's Department, most recently in the rank of Lieutenant. He has experience in a wide range of assignments during that time that uniquely qualify him to handle the challenges faced by King City, including serving as a Detective, an Internal Affairs Sergeant, and leader of a gang suppression unit. He later led efforts to develop and implement gang prevention and other services for at-risk youth as the Director of Reaching Youth, a faith-based non-profit organization. Since 2008, Mr. Masterson has served as the Chief of Police for the College of Sequoias Community College District, where he has demonstrated a record of success in implementing a number of improvements to their Police Department. According to Mr. Adams, "our research showed that Bob is highly respected by everyone he has worked with and has a record of strong and ethical leadership."



According to Chief Masterson, "I am truly honored to have been selected for this position. I am looking forward to leading the police department into the next era of its service to King City. I am excited about meeting the community and strengthening the ties between the community and its Police Department."

Mayor Robert Cullen is "excited and eager to enter the next stage of healing for our community. Robert Masterson is uniquely qualified to handle the task at hand. He has been through an extensive vetting process. I ask the community to support the new Chief and his Officers. His hiring, and the community's support, is an important step in rebuilding the Police Department."

Mr. Masterson will be sworn in as the King City Police Chief on Wednesday, July 6<sup>th</sup>. There will be a swearing in ceremony at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers and the public is invited to attend and welcome the City's new Police Chief to the community.

Anyone with questions may contact City Hall at (831) 386-5925.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "S. Adams", is positioned above a horizontal line.

Steven Adams, City Manager