



# MEMORANDUM

## City of Venice

### City Manager's Office

TO: Mayor Feinsod and City Council

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FROM: Edward F. Lavalley, City Manager 

DATE: September 16, 2021

COUNCIL APPROVAL: Yes

MEETING DATE: September 28, 2021

STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL: Provide Efficient, Responsive Government with High Quality Services

SUBJECT: Appointment of Police Chief

Background: Police Chief Tom Mattmuller has announced his retirement from the City of Venice. His retirement date is December 31, 2021. With receipt of the Chief's notice of his intention to retire, the City initiated a solicitation for applicants to fill the upcoming vacancy. Following completion of a screening and interview process, I have selected Venice Police Captain Charles Thorpe to replace Chief Mattmuller.

Captain Thorpe is an integral part of the Venice Police leadership team. He possesses a high level of technical and management skills, is highly educated, and a consummate professional. Captain Thorpe has groomed himself to advance his professional career and is well suited to assume the top leadership role in the Venice Police Department. The appointment of Captain Thorpe to the position of police chief is subject to City Council approval.

Accordingly, I request Council's approval to promote Charles Thorpe to the rank of Venice Police Chief. Subject to your approval the appointment of Captain Thorpe to Chief of Police will become effective January 1, 2022. Thank you

Requested Action: City Council Approval

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