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CITY OF AVENAL SELECTS INTERIM-CHIEF OF POLICE

Avenal, CA – Today, July 25, 2022, the City of Avenal has appointed Robert A. Nevárez as Interim Police Chief for 24 months. He was sworn-in and administered the Oath of Office at the Ken Brown Public Safety Center at 8:30 AM.

Mr. Robert Nevárez has over 35 years of Law Enforcement experience at all levels of operations. He started his career at the Fresno Police Department: first in Patrol, then Undercover Narcotics, SWAT and Auto Theft, followed by 8 years as a Sergeant, two years as Lieutenant and 4 years as a Captain. Ultimately spending 15 years as Deputy Chief of Police under then-Chief, Jerry Dyer. Mr. Nevárez went on and served as Delano Police Chief from July, 2018 through July, 2021. Most recently he was hired as the Police De-Escalation Coordinator for the Western United States at the Nevada System of Higher Education.

As a seasoned Police Chief, Robert Nevárez joins the Avenal Police Department ready to implement his years of executive experience to help further develop the 12-year-old police department. Chief Nevárez intends to adopt new standards and best-practices, while engaging directly with residents to best meet the community's evolving needs.

Mayor Preciado stated, "For myself and the rest of City Council, we put our full faith and confidence that Chief Nevárez is the right individual for the job, and we are excited to bring him onboard to help us start the next chapter of the Avenal Police Department."

Mr. Nevárez earned his Bachelor's Degree in Criminology from CSU Fresno, a Master's in Public Administration from National University, holds numerous professional certificates including the Executive POST Certificate, and is published in regional policing magazines.

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