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## MAYOR DENNY DOYLE APPOINTS RONDA GROSHONG AS BEAVERTON'S POLICE CHIEF

**BEAVERTON, Ore.** – Beaverton Mayor Denny Doyle has named 25-year Beaverton Police Department veteran Ronda Groshong as the city's Police Chief. Chief Groshong has been serving as the city's Interim Police Chief since June 2019.

"Chief Groshong has led the Beaverton Police Department with commitment, responsiveness and care," said Mayor Denny Doyle. "Her actions and abilities this past year have demonstrated without a doubt that she is the best person for this position at this exact moment. Her valued leadership, forward thinking and willingness to listen make her the perfect person to lead the Beaverton Police Department."

The announcement comes at a critical moment for the city as efforts to respond to community demands for justice, reform and change continue. In recent weeks, Beaverton, a city that prides itself on being welcoming and inclusive, has adopted a resolution denouncing systemic racism and affirmed its commitment to eliminate racism in city structures and practices.

"Now is a time for action," continued Mayor Doyle. "Beaverton can't wait any longer to put in motion our changes for the future and this appointment will allow important work to proceed."

During the past year, Chief Groshong spoke to the Oregon State Legislature about the department's body worn camera program, one of the first of its kind in the State of Oregon. She worked with Oregon's Criminal Justice Commission to identify and curb bias in police work. Most recently, Chief Groshong oversaw the near 200 person police department as they worked to provide essential services to the community during the COVID-19 pandemic.

"I want to thank the Mayor for entrusting me with the leadership of the Beaverton Police Department," said Chief Ronda Groshong. "This is a pivotal time for law enforcement. We are always looking for ways to improve our training and the quality of services we provide to our community members. Our community deserves a police department that shares its values, a police department that seeks fairness and justice for everyone in the community. It's my highest honor to have served my community for 25 years. I hope there are many more years to come."

Chief Groshong has been with the Beaverton Police Department since 1995, beginning as a patrol officer and holding the position of Detective, Sergeant, Lieutenant and Captain. She is a Portland

State University graduate, and previously served on the Domestic Violence Resource Center Board of Directors.



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