



**CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT**  
**MEETING DATE:** 5/7/2024  
**DEPARTMENT:** Management Services

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**SUBJECT:**

RECOGNITION OF ORANGE COUNTY SHERIFF DEPARTMENT CAPTAIN  
CHRISTINE BERRYMAN

**RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):**

Present the recognition.

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The Orange County Sheriff's Department recently announced that Captain Christine Berryman, who currently serves as the Chief of Lake Forest Police Services, will be transferred to the Behavioral Health Bureau to manage the expanding unit. As a result, Captain Berryman will be vacating her current position as the local Chief of Police effective May 15, 2024. Under Captain Berryman's new assignment, she will lead the Behavioral Health Bureau, which includes a team of 3 Sergeants, 4 Deputies, and approximately 40 Behavioral Health Liaison Deputies. The Behavioral Health Bureau plays an important regional role in responding to the homelessness crisis in Orange County.

Since Captain Berryman was installed as Lake Forest's local Chief of Police on March 24, 2023, she's provided effective leadership in response to several critical incidents, including the mass shooting at Cooks Corner in unincorporated Orange County. Under Berryman's tenure, the City reorganized the organization's approach to homelessness by bringing some resources in-house, forming more partnerships with private property owners, and working diligently to build relationships and encourage homeless individuals to pursue treatment resources. The City recently completed the automated license plate reader ("ALPR") geofence, which enables law enforcement to quickly track vehicles suspected of being involved in crimes within the borders of Lake Forest. Captain Berryman also increased opportunities for local seniors to serve the community through the Sheriff's Team of Active Retired Seniors ("STARS") program. Under Berryman's tenure, the Lake Forest STARS increased service hours by nearly 20%.

Captain Berryman has been a solutions-focused, highly professional leader that understands the importance of balancing various perspectives before making

important decisions. Lastly, Lake Forest administrative staff will miss Captain Berryman's hard work ethic and sense of humor.

Tonight, staff recommends the City Council present a formal recognition to Captain Christine Berryman, acknowledging her tenure as the local Chief of Police for Lake Forest.

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**FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no fiscal impact associated with the recommended action.

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**ATTACHMENTS:**

None.

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