

RESOLUTION NO. 26-~~2095XXXX~~

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
LAKE FOREST PARK, WASHINGTON, AUTHORIZING
THE MAYOR TO SIGN AN EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT
WITH DIEGO ZANELLA FOR THE CHIEF OF POLICE
POSITION

WHEREAS, Michael L. Harden announced his retirement effective May 31, 2026, creating a vacancy in the Chief of Police position; and

WHEREAS, the City selected two internal candidates to interview on July 16, 2026 with the Mayor, City Council, Leadership Team, Law Enforcement Panel, and a Public Advisory Panel; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor has extended an employment offer to ~~Die~~go Zanella and he has accepted the Mayor's offer; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Lake Forest Park, as follows:

Section 1. CONFIRMATION. The City Council confirms the appointment by the Mayor of ~~Die~~go Zanella as the Chief of Police of Lake Forest Park.

Section 2. AUTHORIZATION. The City Council authorizes the Mayor to sign an Employment Agreement with ~~Die~~go Zanella for the Chief of Police position as substantially set forth in Exhibit A [contingent on completion of a background check that verifies that Diego Zanella has met the eligibility requirements in newly adopted SB 5974.](#)

Section 3. CORRECTIONS. The City Clerk is authorized to make necessary corrections to this resolution including, but not limited to, the correction of scrivener's/clerical errors, references, numbering, section/subsection numbers and any references thereto.

PASSED BY A MAJORITY VOTE of the members of the Lake Forest Park City Council this 13th day of August, 2026.

APPROVED:

Thomas French
Mayor

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ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:

Matt McLean
City Clerk

FILED WITH THE CITY CLERK:
PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL:
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