



# CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

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**DATE:** February 2, 2026  
**TO:** Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council  
**FROM:** Turu VanderWiel, Chief of Police  
**SUBJECT:** Introduction and Swearing in of Police Dispatcher-Records Specialist

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

Receive Introduction and Swearing-in of Police Dispatcher-Records Specialist, Raelene Carter.

**DISCUSSION / ANALYSIS:**

Raelene Carter tested for this position in January of 2025 and meets all the requirements to work as a Public Safety Dispatcher in the State of California.

Raelene was born and raised in the Bay Area. She spent many weekends visiting her brother in the foothills in the early 2000s and quickly fell in love with the area. In 2012, she made the move permanent, and it has been home for her ever since. Before joining our team, Raelene worked as a Public Safety Dispatcher at Black Oak Casino and, before that, in customer service at Adventist Health Sonora.

Raelene enjoys spending time with her family, the outdoors, creative DIY projects, and classic cars. She is excited about her new role as Sonora Police Dispatcher and looks forward to giving back to the community she proudly calls home.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no fiscal impact to the General Fund as this position was previously funded.

**CORE COUNCIL PRIORITIES:**

Public Safety and Disaster Preparedness, Staffing - Salary, Benefits, Training, and Retention