

**COUNCIL ACTION FORM**

Meeting Date: July 13, 2023

Staff Contact: Curtis Mansell, Police Chief

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Agenda Item: Conduct ceremonial swearing-in Westwood Police Officer Gianfranco Roque

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**Background/Description of Item**

In anticipation of Sergeant Gary Baker's June 30, 2023 retirement, Gianfranco Roque was brought into the Westwood Police Department as a part-time employee in March 2023. Effective July 1, 2023, after successfully completing an extensive and thorough pre-employment and probationary process, Gianfranco was hired to fill the full-time position vacancy left by Gary, although in the position of Police Officer, not Gary's rank of Sergeant. As Gianfranco was already a certified law enforcement officer at the time of hire, he moved right into field training with Westwood Officer Tim Filson, who graciously went through training himself earlier in 2022 to become certified to conduct field training. Gianfranco will remain in field training through the Fall of 2023, when he is expected to be able to begin taking shifts independently.

Gianfranco has already been acknowledged as a great addition to the Westwood team and we are excited to formally introduce him tonight to the Governing Body.

**Staff Comments/Recommendation**

As Gianfranco was sworn-in and issued the oath of office by Abby Schneweis as City Clerk in March 2023 so that he could begin officially enforcing the laws of the City of Westwood, tonight we will conduct a ceremonial swearing-in for the benefit of the public and Gianfranco's friends and family to join in celebrating him.

No Governing Body action is required.