



City of Yakima

# **News Release**

**Subject: Police Chief Recruitment Community Forums**

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## **City of Yakima Seeks Community Input for Police Chief Search**

The City of Yakima is asking community members to provide input regarding the recruitment of the next Yakima police chief during two upcoming forums. The City and Public Sector Search & Consulting, the recruiting firm hired by the City to conduct a search for the next police chief, will host two community forums in early February that will give people in Yakima an opportunity to share their thoughts about the characteristics and professional experience that are most important for the next Yakima police chief to have.

**Community forums about the police chief recruitment will take place on the following dates at the following locations:**

- **Wednesday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 6:00 pm at the Henry Beauchamp Community Center (1211 S. 7<sup>th</sup> Street)**
- **Thursday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 6:00 pm at the Harman Senior Center (101 N. 65<sup>th</sup> Avenue)**

All members of the public are welcome to attend one or both forums. English to Spanish interpretation services will be provided at both forums.

Anyone with questions about the forums is encouraged to contact City of Yakima Communications & Public Affairs Director Randy Beehler by phone at 509-901-1142 or by email at [randy.beehler@yakimawa.gov](mailto:randy.beehler@yakimawa.gov).

"The next police chief must be able to lead the department as well as collaborate with the community to make thoughtful and comprehensive operational and organizational enhancements," said City Manager Cliff Moore. "Input from neighborhoods and community members will be critical in helping me select the right person to become the next Yakima police chief. I encourage community members to attend the forums and share their thoughts," said Moore.

Following the community engagement process, Public Sector Search & Consulting will gather and screen applications. A list of candidates will then be presented to Moore and interviewed by several panels. The panelists will provide critical feedback to Moore, who will ultimately appoint the next Yakima police chief.