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To: Council Member Samuels – Chair, Public Safety and Health, Council
Member Hodges – Chair, Ways and Means

From: Deputy Chief Rob Allen

CC: Chief Dolan

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Re: Captain Needed in SICM

The city council has requested that we endeavor to reduce the number of promoted positions. We have already done that to some degree by not filling the position of Assistant Chief and by consolidating some lieutenants' positions.

We do, however, have a vacancy in the position of Captain in the Strategic Information and Crime Management (SICM) Division due to the death of Captain Wagenpfeil. While I support the general idea of reducing promoted ranks, I think it is critically important that we fill this position. Here are three reasons why it is important:

- We are months away from opening the Strategic Information Center (SIC). The SIC can, at a moment's notice, transform into the city's Emergency Operations center (EOC). When it is not being the EOC, however, the SIC will monitor cameras and conditions through the city, provide real time event coordination and situational awareness for patrol staff and investigators dealing with incidents. They will have access to intelligence databases and liaison with intelligence and crime analysis units throughout the metropolitan area. The SIC, which is in a remote location, will need a command level supervisor to coordinate staffing, the technology needs and establish policies and operating procedures for the new facility.
- In a time of diminishing resources, we are seeing an increase in some crime categories. The SICM Division is responsible for managing the most important element of the CODEFOR process: accurate and timely intelligence. It is their crime analysis that allows us to most effectively deploy our resources to address emerging crime trends and patterns. The unique challenge of working across divisions (patrol, investigations, etc.) really requires a command level supervisor.
- The SICM Division manages the Gang Enforcement Team (GET), which has, in its brief history, done a remarkable job of addressing gang violence

in the city. GET works closely with the ATF and other entities to ensure effective prosecution of the most violent offenders in the city. The commander will also be meeting regularly with representatives from other agencies and from state and federal agencies as well. As we learned from the Metro Gang Strike Force, gang enforcement requires strong supervision and, I believe, a command level supervisor to ensure that policy is being followed.

While I support ensuring that our department has no unnecessary hierarchy, this a position where a command level supervisor is critical. Please feel free to contact me if you have any additional questions or concerns.