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Leadership Team,

I am pleased to announce the selection of Charles Vazquez as the Director of Public Safety and Security, and Chief of Police for the Hillsborough County Aviation Authority effective June 2, 2017.



Charlie currently serves as the Assistant Chief of Police for the Houston Police Department and brings more than 22 years of law enforcement experience to his new position.

Charlie began his career as a (civilian) Police Dispatcher for the Houston Police Department and served as a Police Officer, Sergeant, Lieutenant, and Captain before being appointed to Assistant Chief.

His various assignments include multiple patrol divisions, Jail Division, Special Operations Division, Vice Division, Night Commander, and Property Division. His current assignment is the Assistant Chief overseeing the Professional Development Command, which includes the Training Division, Recruiting Division, Employee Services Division, Inspections Division and Psychological Services Division.

Charlie is a graduate of Mountain State University where he earned his BA Degree with Honors in Organization Leadership. He also holds a MBA Degree with Honors from Texas Woman's University. He is a graduate of the FBI National Academy and Senior Management Institute of Police.

Charlie has earned numerous awards for his police service including 100 Club Officer of the Year, Humble Area Chamber of Commerce Officer of the Year, twelve Chief Commendations, a Lifesaving Award, 32 Supervisor Commendations and numerous citizen letters.

Prior to his law enforcement career, Charlie served in the United States Army for eight years as an Air Traffic Controller where he attained the rank of sergeant. His military service included a combat tour in Operation Desert Shield and Desert Storm.

Charlie is married to his wife Liz and they are celebrating their 29th wedding anniversary in June. Please join me in extending a warm welcome to Chief Charlie Vazquez.

Sincerely,

John Tiliacos

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