



**CITY OF
ORLANDO**
POLICE DEPARTMENT

May 4, 2022

ORLANDO ROLÓN
CHIEF OF POLICE

The Honorable Mayor Buddy Dyer
City of Orlando
400 S Orange Ave
Orlando, FL 32801

Dear Mayor Dyer,

I am writing to inform you of my intent to retire from the Orlando Police Department. On October 30, 2018, you entrusted me to serve as the 39th Chief of Police of the Orlando Police Department. I became the first Hispanic to serve in this role in 143 years. I have had the privilege to serve with the most remarkable men and women in law enforcement dedicated to selfless service without thought of recognition or gain.

The challenges law enforcement chief executives have faced during the last three years have been unprecedented. The social unrest sparked by the actions of a few members of our profession raised concerns across the nation. The demonstrations in our city were much more than what we had experienced before, and when other parts of the country experienced unrest during the demonstrations, we managed to maintain order and peace without any significant incidents. Addressing the concerns of our citizens and ensuring our officers felt supported was critical and I am proud of the way I led our department during this challenging time.

Following the unrest, we faced new challenges brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic but our commitment to serving and protecting our community did not waver and we overcame those challenges as well.

During my four years as chief, we reestablished the Neighborhood Patrol Unit, formed the Junior Reserve Law Enforcement Program, developed a youth outreach program, and created the first Real Time Crime Center in our history which is now an example for other agencies to follow. I did not allow for social unrest or the pandemic to stop us from implementing changes and strategies to make us more efficient, professional, and transparent in the delivery of our services.

On November 8, 2022, I will reach my 30th year of service as a police officer for the City of Orlando. I intend to retire on November 1, 2022, with my last workday on August 19, 2022.

Thank you, the members of the Orlando Police Department, city council, and the entire community for allowing me to serve in this role for 4 years. It has been an amazing and rewarding journey during my career with the Orlando Police Department. Thank you for this honor.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Orlando Rolón".

Orlando Rolón
Chief of Police