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**To:** Nicol, Colleen <CNicol@riversideca.gov>  
**Subject:** [External] Chief of Police successor

**Dear Mayor Bailey, Council Members, City Manager,**

Below is a copy of a letter written to you from our family, the Baron's? We reside here in Riverside as well. We are concurring with them on the matter of selection of our Chief of Police successor.

I am wondering where you relocated the homeless people from Hole Lake. Cities shuffling homeless around to each other is not helping. This just moves the problem and it gets bigger.

We just want to thank you all for the good work you have done for our great city. We love it here! Please continue the good work by choosing the right person to succeed Chief Diaz. Choose someone that has the best interests of all the people of our great city. Find someone to come here with fresh eyes and to be able to seek solutions and a new perspective.

Thank you,  
Sincerely,  
Bobbie and Chris Turner

**Dear Mayor Bailey, Council Members, City Manager, et al,**

Thank you to everyone involved in the clean-up Hole Lake. Over the years, I have watched the homeless population balloon and crime increase in our city. I care very much about Riverside and I was astounded to learn about the situation there. We should not be complacent in these complex situations going forward...which is why I am writing to you.

I read that Chief Diaz is resigning very soon. This is a perfect time for a fresh look and new ideas. Although Chief Diaz believes the police department is in a good place - and I want to mention here that I am very pro-law enforcement - I was very disconcerted to hear of a murder in downtown Riverside's entertainment district across the street from our historic Mission Inn and the recent murder of a CHP officer and two other officers injured. We have a problem with crime and, coupled with the homeless situation and early release, I am very, very concerned about the health of our city.

As the City Council goes about the hiring and decision-making process involved in choosing a new Chief of Police, I would like you to carefully consider the following things:

1. Choose someone who has a record of success with crime and homelessness in their own city. This is important.
2. Go outside California - do not choose someone from LAPD or San Francisco especially.

3. Take a look at what Sheriff Chad Bianco is doing – we need more of a “tough on crime” mentality/policy.
4. We need a reformer – we need change – and we need it now. Our city is only getting bigger – and so is our population of criminals and homeless.
5. We need a Chief who will demand that his officers engage the homeless population. It is horrific that citizens have to clean our sidewalks of human defecation. We need to solve this situation now. Bring in people who have ideas/suggestions as this will need to be a multi-pronged effort - there is no one solution.
6. If other cities are sending their homeless population to Riverside because we’ve got better services, we need to send them back. It’s grossly unfair to make your tax-paying citizens take care of other cities’ problems.

Please, take the hiring of a new Police Chief very seriously - which I'm sure you will. Take your time getting the right person to handle our unique situation. The Chief of Police you choose to take care of our city should have an inclination toward solving the homeless epidemic and toward enforcing our laws and ordinances. This is paramount to a safe and successful Riverside.

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

Allen Baron

cc: Mayor  
City Council  
City Manager  
City Attorney  
ACMs  
DCMs  
HR Director