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**Mayor Libby Schaaf statement on Interim Police Chief offer to Susan Manheimer**

Today Mayor Libby Schaaf announced a conditional offer for the position of Interim Police Chief to Susan Manheimer pending a required state background check. Manheimer is expected to begin April 6.

“During an unprecedented response to COVID-19, and when Oakland residents rely on our dedicated public servants more than ever, I deeply appreciate Chief Manheimer for adding to our leadership bandwidth in this moment,” Mayor Libby Schaaf said.

Chief Manheimer served as Police Chief of San Mateo for nearly 20 years and was the first woman elected as head of the California Police Chiefs Association and the San Mateo County Chiefs and Sheriffs Association.

“In Chief Manheimer, Oakland gets a proven leader who will build upon our historic reduction in crime, further reduce racial bias, and improve community engagement.”

“I’m honored and excited to step in at this time to assist the Oakland Police Department in meeting the unique challenges they face right now,” Chief Manheimer said. “My 35 years in Bay Area law enforcement have given me an abiding respect for the OPD and its unwavering commitment to the City of Oakland. I welcome the opportunity to stand with these fine men and women and work with all Oakland stakeholders to ensure the safety of this community as we navigate these unprecedented times.”

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