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First, I want to thank everyone that has been involved in the Police Chief process for the City of Watsonville. The intent was to involve as many aspects of the community, City Council, and the law enforcement sector, as possible.

There are definitely big shoes to fill since the departure of Chief Solano; and part of this process was not to try to replace Manny, but to hire someone that would provide new life, perspectives, and opportunities for the City of Watsonville and the department. There were also many qualities that were looked at in choosing a new Chief to represent the community and the department, and I feel that this individual is perfectly suited for the position.

An offer of employment, contingent on background check, was made Friday and confirmed yesterday evening. I will have a formal introduction this afternoon announcing David Honda as the new Police Chief for the City of Watsonville.