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To: The Honorable Roger MacLean, City Council President
And Members of City Council

From: Interim Mayor Ray O'Connell **RO'C**

Re: Nomination of Interim Chief Glenn Granitz for Chief of Police

Date: September 23, 2019

It is with great enthusiasm that I am submitting the name of Glenn Granitz, Jr. to become the city's Chief of Police.

Granitz joined the department in 2001 and graduated from the Allentown Police Academy. He was assigned to the Criminal Investigations Division as a detective in 2005. In 2008 he joined the Lehigh County Homicide Task Force and was involved in multiple homicide arrests and convictions in cases dating as far back as 1998.

In 2010 Granitz was promoted to Detective/Sergeant in the Criminal Investigations Division overseeing investigations in the areas of homicides, robberies, sexual assaults, property crimes and more.

In 2013 Grantiz was selected to lead the Youth 7 Community Services Division of APD, evaluating and assigning investigations and supervising all youth detectives and school resource officers. Additionally, during that time he oversaw APD's Gang Intelligence initiatives.

Granitz was promoted to lieutenant in May 2015 and was assigned to the third platoon. He was promoted to captain in August 2017 serving center city, overseeing the fourth platoon and all officers assigned to patrol the center city area, including the Center City Bike Unit.

Granitz holds a B. S. from Saint Joseph's University and an M. S. in Criminal Justice Administration from University of Cincinnati. He has taken three courses toward his doctorate and is currently obtaining a bachelor's degree in Human Resource Management. Granitz is also a graduate of the Northwestern University – School of Police Staff & Command. He has completed the FBI-LEEDA Command Leadership training and the FBI-LEEDA Executive Leadership Training, among multiple other law enforcement supervisory trainings.

I am honored to submit his name for this position.

Please contact me if you have any questions regarding Glenn or his nomination.

Thank you for your consideration and I look forward to a date for city council to consider his confirmation.

Glenn E. Granitz Jr.

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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

I am a criminal justice professional who is actively engaged in the many facets of law enforcement. I come from a background that includes the investigation of significant crimes and the creation of positive public relation via community policing. I understand the unique character required to succeed in such an environment. This position requires a professional who is both able to deal with criminal actions affecting the community as well as the response to quality of life issues that when addressed will serve to strengthen our neighborhoods. I am uniquely suited to this opportunity due to my work experience, training, education and experience working with community groups and residents.

Key Strengths

- Experience
- Active in Criminal Justice
- Community Policing Background

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Allentown Police Department – Allentown, PA
Captain – PSA IV – Center City

August 2017 –
Present

- Responsible for the center city Police Service Area in terms of crime and police response. This is the largest population area of the command areas (approx.. 70,000)
- Creates and presents bi-weekly department wide Compstat Presentations detailing crime trends and officer deployment
- Coordinates with the following neighborhood groups: 8th Ward, 10th Ward, 6th Ward, Jordan Heights, Old Allentown, Promise Neighborhood, Riverbend Civic Association
- Routinely handles media and news requests including interviews
- Board of Directors – Hamilton Main Street Program, Chair – Safe, Clean & Green Committee
- Board of Directors – Upside Allentown, Chair – Safety Committee
- Also coordinated response and community meetings for PSA III – South Side during period with no Captain assigned to that area
- Oversees the Center City Bike Unit – focused on retail and business area on Hamilton St.
- Coordinates all sporting events and concerts with the PPL Center
- Liaison with the Allentown Parking Authority
- Member – United Way Committee on Chronic Absenteeism
- Member – Central Elementary Community Committee
- Member – Cleveland Elementary Community Committee
- Initiated the “APD – Phantoms Reading Challenge” for elementary students in Allentown schools
- Initiated “Captain’s Open Office Hours” at the patrol station and in the community to allow for greater resident accessibility
- Initiated “No Shave November” and coordinates “Shop With A Cop”
- Coordinates APD social media posts
- Reviews department use of force / accident reports
- Oversees approximately seventy-five police officers in various units and capacities
- Assists with budget preparation and presentation

Allentown Police Department – Allentown, PA
Lieutenant

May 2015 –
August 2017

- Command of the Department's Third Platoon
- Oversaw approximately 38 officers on a daily basis
- Responsible for directing police response and positioning of personnel for crime prevention
- Directing patrol officers into hotspot areas and established proactive plainclothes assignments among patrol officers

Allentown Police Department – Allentown, PA
Director – Gang Intelligence

January 2014 –
May 2015

- Oversees all gang intelligence created by the Allentown Police Department
- Ensures CHRIA compliance with all intel storage and dissemination
- Coordinates gang awareness presentations for community partners
- Ensures officer safety bulletins are created and disseminated as appropriate
- Supervises eight gang intelligence officers throughout the department
- Coordinates inter-agency gang-related enforcement operations
- Prepares and presents Gang Awareness and Gang Identification programs

Allentown Police Department – Allentown, PA
Supervisory Investigative Sergeant – Youth & Community Services Division

November 2013 –
May 2015

- Oversees and supervises all Youth Detectives and School Resource Officers on a daily basis (17 Total Officers)
- Evaluates and assigns investigations
- Determines police / investigative response to all youth-related crimes that occur in the City of Allentown
- Delivers presentations to community groups / partners
- Preparation of monthly and annual reports as it relates to youthful offenders
- Coordinates efforts with the Allentown School District
- Oversees implementation of the youth initiatives of the Allentown Police Department

Allentown Police Department – Allentown, PA
Detective / Sergeant – Criminal Investigations Division

July 2010 –
November 2013

- Supervisor assigned to oversee investigations in the areas of homicides, robberies, sexual assaults and property crimes among others.
- Defines and directs the response of the Allentown Police Department as it relates to patrol function and investigative follow-through.
- Oversees (15) police officers and investigators on a daily basis.
- Coordinates and directs pre-planned police operations including acting as a liaison with multiple agencies for events such as dignitary security, protests, concerts and other well-attended events

Allentown Police Academy – Allentown, PA

January 2008 -
Present

Advanced Instructor

- Accredited by MPOETC (The Pennsylvania Municipal Police Officers Education and Training and Commission)
- Instructor in the areas of Search & Seizure, Criminal Investigation, Juvenile Crime and Community Policing
- Attends multiple trainings and updates in order to remain certified to instruct at all Pennsylvania police academies
- Consults with the Office of the Chief of Police and prepares areas of departmental policy and procedure to ensure state and national accreditation.

Lehigh County District Attorney's Office – Homicide Task Force

2008 - 2010

Homicide Detective

- Assigned to task force to solely investigate current and cold case homicides in Lehigh County
- Lead or assisted in the investigation of over 70 current and cold case homicides
- Gained arrests and convictions in the oldest cold case homicide charged within Lehigh County to date
- Effected arrests and convictions in gang-related, drug-related and domestic-related homicides

Allentown Police Department – Allentown, PA

2005 - 2008

Criminal Investigator

- Assigned to a variety of investigations centered around violent and financial crimes.
- Lead a multi-agency effort and gained arrests and convictions in multiple armed robbery and commercial burglary rings.
- Cleared the largest number of cases by arrest of any investigator during this period.

EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

B.S. Saint Joseph's University

M.S. University of Cincinnati

Northwestern University - School of Police Staff and Command

Attended training in regards to the duties of supervision within law enforcement

Attended trainings in relation to the field of interview and interrogation

Attended multiple trainings in relation to the use of technology and cell phone use in criminal investigations and has testified as an expert in court in these matters

Completed all FEMA / NIMS training required for Emergency Management

Completed FBI-LEEDA Command School (Sep. 2017)

Completed FBI-LEEDA Executive School (Oct. 2017)

FBI-LEEDA Online National Academy (ongoing certifications)

Accepted to the FBI National Academy (Future Enrollment TBD)

Currently an adjunct professor of Criminal Justice at Lehigh-Carbon Community College

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Mid-Atlantic Homicide Investigators
MAGLOCLIN (Gang Investigations)
International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP)
PA Chiefs of Police Association

HONORS AND AWARDS

Eagle Scout, Boy Scouts of America
Commendation for Bravery (2), Allentown Police Department
Commendation for Heroism, Allentown Police Department
Commendation for Merit (3), Allentown Police Department
Congressional Certificate of Heroism, United States Congress
Chief's Award for Excellence (2015)

References available upon request.