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Menifee held community workshop on Police Recruitment

MENFIEE-Menifee City Manager Armando Villa hosted a town hall meeting for Menifee and surrounding community members today. The purpose of the roundtable workshop was to seek input on the formation of the new Menifee Police Department and the characteristics desired in the city's first Police Chief.

Mayor Bill Zimmerman welcomed the crowd of about 50 residents and area leaders. Joel Bryden, Executive Vice President of the national executive recruiting firm, Bob Murray and Associates, gave a detailed description of the recruiting process. Bryden, a former police chief himself said, "the City of Menifee is in a very strong position to attract a top-tier Police Chief. Building a new department is a very attractive opportunity." In addition to City Manager Villa and Mr. Bryden, Assistant City Manager Jeff Wyman and Interim Director of Public Safety Dave Brown were on hand to gather the community's input and answer questions.

The city team heard public comments for well over an hour and a number of common themes emerged from the discussion. The community clearly desires a police chief with good communication skills who embraces the unique and varied communities within the City. A strong, experienced leader who embraces technology and innovation, and understands issues and opportunities presented by growth are all highly desired characteristics. A number of attendees encouraged the city to aggressively recruit for the best professionals at every level of the new department. A few comments were even relayed via social media as the session was broadcast live on Menifee 24/7 Facebook Page.

For those who were not able to attend, please submit comments/questions or input to Dave Brown, Interim Director of Public Safety, at dbrown@cityofmenifee.us or (951) 723-3788.

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ABOUT MENIFEE: *Situated in the heart of southern Riverside County along Interstate 215, Menifee is a vibrant, new city of more than 90,000 residents who enjoy a pleasant year-round climate, abundant recreational offerings, reasonably priced housing and convenient proximity to some of Southern California's premiere attractions and employment centers. Within its 50 square miles, Menifee's business, retail and entertainment outlets are starting to shape the community's character and this growing economic base is also contributing favorably to the city's strong financial position. Menifee's growing family-oriented population values the city's ongoing commitment to public safety, community events and smart growth for the future. All of these elements are working together to support the city's strategic vision to make Menifee one of the state's most promising new cities.*