

DENVER CITY COUNCIL



Proclamation No. 25-1401

Honoring former Denver Police Commander Rudy Sandoval for Hispanic Heritage Month

WHEREAS, Rudolf "Rudy" Sandoval was born May 8, 1945, in Windsor, Colorado, the third of seven children born to Joe and Rita Sandoval; and

WHEREAS, Rudy grew up in Greeley, Colorado, graduating from Greeley West High School in 1962; and

WHEREAS, on Aug. 14, 1965, he married Rita Rojo and later had two children, Dane and Derek; and

WHEREAS, after marriage Rudy enlisted in the United States Navy serving from 1965 to 1969, where he was stationed in Behrenhoff, Germany and was trained as an expert Morse code translator; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 1970, Rudy began his career in law enforcement at the Denver Police Academy where he graduated and was awarded Denver Police badge number 70-017; and

WHEREAS, Officer Sandoval's first assignment as a patrol officer was in Denver Police District 1, where he worked the evening shift in northwest Denver; and

WHEREAS, in 1975, Patrol Officer Sandoval was promoted to detective focusing on robberies, burglaries, assaults and auto theft; and

WHEREAS, in 1979, Detective Sandoval was promoted to sergeant serving Denver Police District 4; and

WHEREAS, in 1983, Sergeant Sandoval was promoted to lieutenant, heading the community relations unit of the Denver Police Department; and

WHEREAS, in 1985, Sandoval was promoted to captain where he served in the auto theft division where he oversaw a complete reorganization of its operation streamlining and creating much need efficiencies.

WHEREAS, while serving as captain he also oversaw the Denver Mounted Patrol and managed the security for the Denver Broncos; and

WHEREAS, in 1992, Captain Sandoval was assigned to the Denver gang unit where he played an important role in curbing a significant increase of violence within the city of Denver; and

WHEREAS, in 1993, Sandoval was promoted to commander of Denver Police District 4 in southwest Denver where he was highly regarded by the community and was supportive of the officers under his command; and

WHEREAS, in 2010, Commander Sandoval retired from the Denver Police Department after 40 years of service and was shortly thereafter appointed the Police Chief for the City of Morrison, Colorado serving in that capacity until 2017; and

WHEREAS, Rudy Sandoval has left an important leadership legacy within the Denver Police Department advancing public safety for all residents and playing a very important and critical role in the founding of the National Latino Police Officers Association; and

WHEREAS, upon his retirement he and Rita have traveled extensively to both Mexico and Europe and are the proud grandparents of three grandchildren,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE DENVER CITY COUNCIL:

Section 1. That Denver City Council recognizes the outstanding service and contributions of retired Denver Police Commander Rudy Sandoval to the residents of the City and County of Denver.

Section 2. That the Clerk and Recorder of the City and County of Denver shall affix the seal of the City and County of Denver to this proclamation and that a copy be transmitted to the Sandoval Family and the Denver Police Museum.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL September 22, 2025

PRESIDENT

