

PROCLAMATION



City and County of Denver

Proclamation No. CP16-0590

Honoring Antonio (Tony) Lopez for his service to the Denver Police Department and contributions in District 6

WHEREAS, Denver City Council wishes to recognize Commander Tony Lopez, who has worked tirelessly for the City and County of Denver in the Police Department for over 33 years; and

WHEREAS, Tony Lopez started his career in law enforcement on March 1, 1983 as a Patrol Officer and earned his way to become Denver Police Department Commander for Denver International Airport in July 2016; and

WHEREAS, as a Sector Sergeant for District Two, Tony was assigned to be the swing and graveyard shift sector sergeant in the Five Points and Curtis Park neighborhoods. Period in question spanned surge of gang and drug-related crime. Utilized "Road Block" federal funding to develop and manage a "buy/bust" team of patrol officers that targeted open air drug trafficking; and

WHEREAS, in 1992, Tony was an original member of the "Weed and Seed" federal initiative. He served as first supervisor and developed store fronts in Baker/La Alma neighborhood and in Whittier/Cole neighborhood and developed community relationships with participating neighborhoods. He also supervised and coordinated "buy/bust" operations and covert narcotics purchases of nuisance locations as well as developed school liaison officers in participating areas; and

WHEREAS, in July 1993, Tony was assigned to the Vice/Drug Control Bureau as a Street Enforcement Supervisor/Sergeant. He was tasked with investigation of narcotics trafficking organizations, promoted to rank of Lieutenant in July of 1999 and reassigned to role of Commander of Street Enforcement Section upon promotion to District 1 Watch Commander in October 2004; and

WHEREAS, Tony's next position came in February 2007 as the Commander for the Intelligence Bureau, Fugitive Unit and Bomb Squad. Two years later he became the First Commanding Officer/Lieutenant of the newly formed bureau in Criminal Investigations Division; and

WHEREAS, selected to be the Commander of District 6 in June 2010, Tony has been responsible for efficiency, discipline and morale of 153 members of the agency. This is the largest compliment of officers assigned to a patrol district; and now he is the Denver Police Department Commander for Denver International Airport; and

WHEREAS, Commander Tony Lopez has received numerous accolades and awards. Some of them include: being selected to be a member of the International Association of Chiefs of Police Project Assessment Team for Country of Peru, Denver Police Department 2008 Commander of the Year, recipient of the Colorado Drug Investigators Association 2008 President's Recognition Award, recipient of the NEWSED Community Development Corporation and Santa Fe Drive Redevelopment Corporation 2007 Celebrate Culture Civil Rights Award, he's also received three Police Merit Awards, a Life Saving Award, a Citizen's Appreciate Police Award, twenty nine Departmental Commendations, ten Citizen / Government Official Letters of Appreciation and he was also the recipient of 2015 Capitol Hill United Neighbors "Good Neighbor Award".

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

Section 1. That the Denver City Council recognizes Tony's contributions to keep Denver's communities safe and for his personal and professional dedication to his work and to Denver's residents over the last three decades.

Section 2. That the Clerk of the City and County of Denver shall attest and affix the seal of the City and County of Denver to this proclamation and that a copy be transmitted to Antonio (Tony) Lopez.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL August 8, 2016

