



## Legislation Text

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**Requesting Agency: Mayor's Office**  
**Division:**

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#### **Item Title & Description:**

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#### **A resolution of City Council consenting to the Mayor's appointment of Ronald Thomas.**

Approves the Mayoral appointment of Ron Thomas as Chief of Police, pursuant to Charter Section § 2.2.6 (D). The Committee approved filing this item at its meeting on 10-5-2022.

#### **Affected Council District(s) or citywide? Citywide**

#### **Executive Summary with Rationale and Impact:**

*Detailed description of the item and why we are doing it. This can be a separate attachment.*

Charter Section § 2.2.6 (D) requires consent of City Council for the Mayoral appointment of Charter officers. Following the retirement of Police Chief Paul Pazen, the Mayor has advanced Ron Thomas as his nomination to lead the Denver Police Department as Police Chief. The Denver Police Department is focused on prevention of crime by employing a precision policing strategy to focus enforcement and prevention efforts on addressing neighborhood-specific issues and decreasing high-frequency crimes. DPD also places an emphasis on addressing root causes of social harms within the community including those caused by the effects of unaddressed behavioral health and substance abuse, threats to public trust caused by a fear of crime and multimodal transportation safety issues.

Ron Thomas joined the Denver Police Department in 1989, after serving as a Dept. of Safety cadet, and following in the family tradition of public service. Ron has held assignments in nearly every division in the department, including Patrol, Investigations, Special Operations and Administration, and held assignments as Commander of Police District 2, Police District 5 and the Denver Police Internal Affairs Division prior to his appointment as Division Chief of Patrol. As a District Commander, Division Chief

Thomas established a reputation as a collaborative leader, developing and sustaining lasting partnerships with neighborhood organizations, community leaders and other city agencies. While Commander of the Internal Affairs Division, Division Chief Thomas spearheaded the creation of the Denver Police Wellness and Resiliency Program. Chief Thomas will be focused on reducing rising crime, aggressively recruiting the next generation of officers who represent our community and continuing efforts to build relationships and trust with the community.

**Address/Location (if applicable):**

**Legal Description (if applicable):**

**Denver Revised Municipal Code (D.R.M.C.) Citation (if applicable):**

**Draft Bill Attached?**