



Memorandum

**TO: HONORABLE MAYOR
AND CITY COUNCIL**

FROM: Norberto L. Dueñas

**SUBJECT: Retirement of Fire Chief
Ruben Torres**

DATE: January 12, 2015

INFORMATION

San José Fire Chief Ruben Torres today announced his retirement from the City of San José, effective January 30, and he has accepted the position of Fire Chief for the Livermore Pleasanton Joint Fire Department starting February 17.

Ruben has served with our Fire Department for his entire 29-year career, and he has served as interim chief for San José since June 2013. Over his career he has held a wide range of positions with increasing responsibilities in our department, including nearly ten years in senior command roles. Prior to becoming SJFD Chief, Ruben was Deputy Chief/Fire Marshal and oversaw Field Operations and special projects, and he is a credentialed Hazardous Material Technician and certified Department Safety Officer. Born and raised in San José, Ruben is the most senior active member of our Fire Department.

Over the next few weeks I will review alternatives for interim leadership in the Fire Department, as well consider next steps for the recruitment and selection of our next chief. I am confident in our current Fire Department management team to lead the department during this transition.

On behalf of the men and women in the San José Fire Department, and of our entire community, please join me in thanking Chief Torres for his long career of service to the people of our community and to wish him well in his future endeavors.

Norberto L. Dueñas
Interim City Manager