



Legislation Text

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TO: Mayor Richard C. Irvin

FROM: Alisia Lewis, Director of Human Resources

DATE: April 9, 2020

SUBJECT:

A Resolution Authorizing the Appointment of Keith Cross as Deputy Chief of Police for the City of Aurora, Illinois.

PURPOSE:

To obtain City Council approval for the appointment of Keith Cross to the position of Deputy Chief of the Aurora Police Department.

BACKGROUND:

Due to the retirement of Keefe Jackson, a vacancy exists for the position of Deputy Chief of Police.

DISCUSSION:

After a thorough assessment and consideration of his education, skills and experience, Keith Cross has been selected for the position. Keith has over 26 years of experience in the law enforcement field with progressive career progression to the position of Police Commander. He began his career with the City of Aurora April 4, 1994. Keith has a bachelor's degree in Political Science from Bemidji State University and is a recent graduate of the FBI National Academy. He has successfully functioned as a Police Commander since 2016 and has demonstrated the ability to manage the Police Department in the absence of both the Chief and Deputy Chief of Police effectively.

Keith will also assume the responsibilities of the Deputy Chief position upon the retirement of the incumbent. The effective date for the appointment will be April 28, 2020.

Resume is attached for reference.

IMPACT STATEMENT:

N/A

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the City Council authorize the appointment of Keith Cross as Deputy Police Chief for the City of Aurora.



CITY OF AURORA, ILLINOIS

RESOLUTION NO. _____
DATE OF PASSAGE _____

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WHEREAS, the City of Aurora has a population of more than 25,000 persons and is, therefore, a home rule unit under subsection (a) of Section 6 of Article VII of the Illinois Constitution of 1970; and

WHEREAS, subject to said Section, a home rule unit may exercise any power and perform any function pertaining to its government and affairs for the protection of the public health, safety, morals, and welfare; and

WHEREAS, a vacancy exists in the position of Deputy Chief of Police by reason of the retirement of the current Deputy Chief; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor finds and determines that Keith Cross meets and exceeds all of the necessary qualifications and requisite skills and experience to perform the job requirements of the position; and

WHEREAS, after giving due regard and consideration, the Mayor recommends that Keith Cross be appointed Deputy Chief of Police for the City of Aurora, Illinois effective April 28, 2020

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Aurora, Illinois, as follows: that Keith Cross is hereby appointed Deputy Chief of Police for the City of Aurora, Illinois, effective April 28, 2020.