

Statement of Ald. Bob Donovan
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I'm saddened by the news that Police Chief Nan Hegerty will retire at the end of her term this November. I have enjoyed a lengthy and positive working relationship with the Chief, and have a deep and abiding respect for her. I consider her a wonderful leader and a terrific lady.

Although you might say we haven't always seen eye-to-eye on some issues, I have always known her to be forthright and committed to doing the best job as our Chief. Although I am confident that history will show her to have been a solid and steadying force for the department, she inherited many problems and was dealt a hand that wasn't exactly ideal for any chief executive. Though some of those much-publicized problems may have marred her tenure – through no fault of her own – I believe she has served our city to the best of her ability and with the utmost in integrity and ethical standards.

As we search for a new chief this year, we would do well to make sure that person embodies many of the fine qualities found in Chief Hegerty.

I wish her well, and I sincerely thank her for her excellent public service to our city.

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