

**To the Anteater community:**

I am very pleased to announce the appointment of UCI Police Chief Liz Griffin, effective Tuesday, May 21. Chief Griffin provides leadership to the UCI Public Safety department, including the Police Department and emergency management program.

Chief Griffin joins UCI with 27 years of police experience. She began her career with the Long Beach Police Department (LBPD) as an officer and detective. In 2013, she was appointed Commander for LBPD and oversaw the Security Services Division (Homeland Security/Grants, Airport, Marine Patrol, Long Beach City College and Transit Police), Patrol East Division (largest of four patrol divisions), and Port Police Division. Chief Griffin served as a Long Beach Board Member for Boy Scouts of America from 2015 to 2018, and was the Assistant Director for the Long Beach Police Historical Society and a liaison for the GLBTQ Chief's Advisory Group.

Chief Griffin holds a B.A. in Criminal Justice from California State University Fullerton and an M.S. in Emergency Services Administration from California State University Long Beach. She graduated from the FBI National Academy and is a member of the California Police Officer's Association, FBI National Academy Association (FBINAA), Long Beach Police Command Officer's Association, and Los Angeles Women's Police Officer Association.

In her new role, Chief Griffin will work closely with the UCI community, neighboring areas, and law enforcement agencies throughout the state.

I wish to express my thanks to the search committee and its chair, Chief of Staff Mary Clark, and to Interim Police Chief Paul Cooper, who has capably and steadfastly served in this role since last June.

Please join me in welcoming Chief Griffin to the Anteater family.

Sincerely,

Ronald S. Cortez, JD, MA

Chief Financial Officer

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