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Miami Beach City Manager Selects Raymond Martinez as the New Miami Beach Police Chief

Miami Beach, FL – In response to media inquiries regarding the selection of the next Miami Beach police chief, here is the [memo](#) from Miami Beach City Manager Jorge M. Gonzalez to the City Commission detailing the extensive selection process that resulted in the appointment of Assistant Police Chief Raymond Martinez as the new Chief of Police for the City of Miami Beach.

As noted in the memo and in the attached documents, the national recruitment process for the police chief position began last fall. Martinez was one of four finalists from a list of 79 applicants from throughout Florida and the country that was narrowed down via a phone panel interview and in-person interviews with two separate panels composed of prosecutors, current and former law enforcement, residents, businesspeople and community activists. A final interview panel recommended Martinez.

The recruitment, evaluation and selection/appointment phases each included standard processes that ensured a fair and unbiased selection, and included the assistance of the Florida Police Chiefs Association.

Pursuant to the City Charter, the City Commission must consent to Martinez' appointment. The City Commission meets on Wednesday, March 21, 2012.

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