

January 13, 2014

To: Public Safety, Civil Rights & Technology Committee  
From: Peter Harris, Central Staff  
Re: Clarifying amendment to C.B. 117993 on Police Command Staff hiring

C.B. 117993 on Police Command Staff hiring, discussed in the Committee on December 4, includes this new section of SMC 4.08.060:

2. Above the rank and position of Police Captain in the Police Department shall be made by:

a. Assignment from the ranks and positions of Captain or Lieutenant in the Police Department, provided that any officer so assigned shall, in the event of removal, have the right to resume the rank and position from which he or she was so assigned; or

b. Appointment from outside of the Police Department of a law-enforcement officer who shall serve at the sole discretion of the Chief of Police with no rights to other employment in the City.

CM Harrell asked for an alternative to paragraph 2.b that would be clearer. Here is one:

b. Appointment from outside of the Police Department of a law-enforcement officer who shall serve at the sole discretion of the Chief of Police, but who, in the event of removal, shall not have the right to any other position in the Police Department.