

City sets dates for public hearings

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The police Commission plans to hold four public hearings throughout Los Angeles to gather public input on hiring a successor to LAPD Chief Bill Bratton, who is leaving on Oct. 31.

Commission President John Mack announced Friday the meetings will be held at 6:30 p.m. Sept. 2, at the Friendship Auditorium, 3201 Riverside Drive; 6:00 p.m. Sept. 3 at the DWP Community Auditorium, 4030 Crenshaw Blvd.; 6:30 p.m. Sept 9 at the Felicia Mahood Senior Center, 11338 Santa Monica Blvd.; and 6:30 p.m. Sept. 10 at OneGeneration, 18244 Victory Blvd., Reseda.

"Public input is critical in the process," Mack said. "The next chief of police will serve all of the diverse communities and know what is important to them."

The selection process, as outlined by the City Charter, will have the city Personnel Department conduct the initial screening and submit a field of six candidates to the commission. The civilian panel will recommend three finalist to Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, who will make the final decision.