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Arapahoe County Commissioners unanimously appoint Undersheriff David C. Walcher to serve as the next sheriff

*Walcher to fulfill the remaining term of Sheriff J. Grayson Robinson who retires
Jan. 31 after 42 years of dedicated public safety service*

Littleton, Colo --- On Tuesday, the Board of County Commissioners formally named David C. Walcher to serve as the next sheriff of Arapahoe County following the resignation of J. Grayson Robinson, who is retiring Jan. 31 after 42 years of dedicated public safety service – the last 12 as sheriff.

“David Walcher has the experience, the demonstrated leadership, the knowledge and the public safety acumen to fulfill the remainder of Sheriff Robinson’s term,” said Commissioner Nancy A. Doty, who serves as Board Chair. “He is well respected in the Sheriff’s Office and in the law enforcement and Arapahoe County community. We are confident in his ability to lead the men and women of the Sheriff’s Office. We are proud to name Dave Walcher the next sheriff of Arapahoe County.”

In December, Sheriff Grayson Robinson formally submitted his resignation, effective 11:59 p.m. Jan. 31, 2014. The Board of County Commissioners has the power to fill the vacancy of the sheriff, pursuant to provisions of the Colorado Revised Statutes and Article XIV of the Colorado Constitution.

Walcher, who has 33 years of law enforcement experience, including serving in the Arapahoe County Sheriff’s Office since 2009 – first as Chief of the Detentions and Administrative Services Bureau and as Undersheriff since 2011 – will serve the remainder of Robinson’s term, which expires Jan. 12, 2015. Walcher will be sworn in at 4:15 p.m. Friday.

“I appreciate the confidence the Board of County Commissioners has in me to fill the balance of Sheriff Robinson’s term,” Walcher said. “Ultimately, I look forward to working with the Board, the Elected Officials, the men and women of the Sheriff’s Office and the citizens of Arapahoe County to provide the best law enforcement services possible.”

As Undersheriff, Walcher has been responsible for the day-to-day administrative operations of the Sheriff's Office, which includes a \$70 million budget and oversight of nearly 700 employees. He also is active in the community where he serves on the Aurora Mental Health Center Board of Directors, is the Co-Chair of Colorado's Correctional Treatment Board and serves as the chair of the Highlands Ranch Law Enforcement Training Foundation.

Prior to Arapahoe County, he served 22 years with the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office where he worked in every division and earned increasingly important leadership roles. He began his law enforcement career with the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Walcher has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Accounting from Metro State College in Denver, a Master's Degree in Criminal Justice from the Executive Leadership Program of the University of Colorado Denver School of Public Affairs and is a graduate of the Northwestern University School of Police Staff and Command. He also attended the FBI Law Enforcement Executive Development Seminar, or LEEDs, in Quantico, Virginia.

He is a part-time faculty member/lecturer at the University of Colorado Denver School of Public Affairs and has partnered with the University of Denver Daniels School of Business to create a Public Safety Leadership Development Program, which is developing future public safety leaders throughout Colorado.

Walcher is a Colorado native and resides in Aurora with his wife Linda where he has lived for the last 20 years.

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Media Note: Photos of David C. Walcher and the Board of County Commissioners from the Jan. 28 public meeting are available for download at: <http://www.arapahoegov.com/gallery.aspx?AID=12>