Chief Tina M. Nieto is currently the first female Chief of Police for the City of Marina serving 24,000 residents. Prior to Marina, Chief Nieto had spent 28.5 years with the Los Angeles Police Department, including her last ten years as a Command Officer with that agency. When she was promoted to Command Level with the LAPD she became the first female Hispanic in LAPD's history to do so. Chief Nieto also is a member of the Marina Rotary Club and the Executive Director for the Marina Police Activities League.

Chief Nieto served eight years with the United States Army Reserve (USAR) attaining the rank of Captain. Chief Nieto also has an extensive teaching background in leadership. She was on the original design team for the West Point Leadership Program, has taught diversity at the LAPD Academy, has been a guest speaker at Women's Leadership Conferences, and has facilitated at LAPD's Supervisory School. She spent ten years as a facilitator for POST's Supervisory Leadership Institute. Chief Nieto has a Masters Degree in Leadership and Management, from the University of La Verne, and a B.S. in Criminal Justice from California State University, Fullerton. She is a graduate of the Senior Management Institute of Policing through PERF. Chief Nieto has also been the recipient of numerous awards both locally, nationally, and internationally for her work with the diverse communities.