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Governor Appoints Supervisor Pat Bates

Supervisor Bates receives Gubernatorial appointment to the Corrections
Standards Authority

SANTA ANA – Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger announced today his appointment of Supervisor Patricia C. Bates, Chair of the Orange County Board of Supervisors, to the Corrections Standards Authority. Working with the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, the Corrections Standards Authority (CSA) partners with city and county officials to develop and maintain standards for the construction and operation of state and local jails and juvenile detention facilities as well as the training of state and local corrections personnel.

"I am honored to be chosen by the Governor to serve on the Corrections Standards Authority and will use this opportunity to continue my efforts in ensuring the safety of our communities through collaboration with state and local agencies," said Bates.

While a member of the State Assembly, Patricia Bates earned a reputation as a leader in public safety. She was awarded "Legislator of the Year" by both the California Campus Police Chiefs Association and Crime Victims United of California for her tough anti-crime legislation, including her law forcing stricter reporting requirements for sex offenders.

As founding Mayor of the City of Laguna Niguel, Patricia Bates was also instrumental in the development of contract law enforcement and the establishment of a community-based policing approach to local law enforcement in the South Orange County region.

"Our state is in the midst of a prison and jail overcrowding crisis and with the recent federal government ruling to release tens of thousands of inmates early, it is crucial that we work holistically by bringing together representatives from all levels of government and the private sector if we are going to find comprehensive and effective solutions," Bates added.

Supervisor Bates currently represents the Fifth District of Orange County which includes the cities of Aliso Viejo, Dana Point, Laguna Beach, Laguna Hills, Laguna Niguel, Laguna Woods, Lake Forest, Mission Viejo, Rancho Santa Margarita, San Clemente, San Juan Capistrano, the community of Newport Coast, as well as the unincorporated areas of Coto de Caza, Ladera Ranch, Las Flores, and Wagon Wheel.