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## **Senate Confirms Supervisor Pat Bates**

*Supervisor Bates confirmed to serve on the Corrections Standards Authority*

SANTA ANA – The California State Senate voted unanimously Monday to confirm the appointment of Supervisor Patricia C. Bates to the Corrections Standards Authority (CSA). Since her appointment by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger last April, Bates has served on the CSA Board in a provisional capacity pending confirmation.

Working with the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, the 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 have the bi-partisan support of the State Senate in the confirmation of my nomination,” said Bates. “My service on the CSA Board has been a great opportunity to continue my efforts toward ensuring the safety of our communities through collaboration with state and local agencies,” added 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,” said Bates.

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.

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