

INTRO FOR THE CHIEF

Good evening everyone! Thank you all for being here tonight to “Meet & Greet” the two new Department Heads!

It is an honor and a privilege to introduce to you the newly appointed Probation Chief for the County of Los Angeles. But before I do this, let me tell you a little bit about him...

Our new Chief has over 34 years of experience in the field of probation. He began his career with San Diego Probation in January 1976, where he served in various positions until July 1995, when he was promoted to Director of Adult and Juvenile Services.

Some highlights of his 27 years in San Diego included:

- The development of standards to assist crime victims and increased restitution collection,
- Established a model of treatment and supervision programs for sex offenders and domestic violence offenders,
- And provided leadership in developing *innovative* Information Technology (IT) for the department.

In August 2003, he was appointed Chief Probation Officer of Alameda County. During his six and a half years as Chief:

- He provided oversight for the construction of a new 360-bed Juvenile Justice Center in which the facility was recognized for its treatment and collaborative approach with juvenile offenders.
- He introduced assessment-driven, evidence-based practices, to the Adult and Juvenile Services,
- Assisted in developing the Department’s Mission, Vision, Values Statement, and the *Strategic Plan* for Alameda County Probation.

Additionally, he is very actively involved in various professional organizations such as:

- The Alameda County Chiefs of Police and Sheriff’s Association (ACCPSA),
- The American Probation & Parole Association (APPA),
- The American Correctional Association (ACA),
- The California Probation, Parole & Correctional Association (CPPCA),
- The Chief Probation Officers of California (CPOC),
- The Bay Region CPOC Chair,
- The National Association of Probation Executives (NAPE),
- The Urban Chiefs Network (NIC),
- And the California Community Corrections Coordinating Committee.

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Ladies and gentlemen, please join me in welcoming Chief Donald H. Blevins!!