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Board of Supervisors Appoints Director to Office of Independent Review

(Santa Ana, CA)— The Board of Supervisors today voted 4-0, with Supervisor Janet Nguyen absent, to appoint Steve Connolly as Executive Director of the newly created Office of Independent Review (OIR). Connolly joins the County after seven years with the Los Angeles County OIR.

"We are fortunate to have Mr. Connolly lead this new unit," said Chairman John M.W. Moorlach. "His extensive experience and knowledge will shape the Office of Independent Review into the essential oversight function that is needed in our County."

The OIR was established to monitor, assist and advise the Orange County Sheriff-Coroner in investigations of peace officer complaints and incidents of death or serious injury to persons while in custody of the Sheriff's Department.

Additional responsibilities of the oversight unit include providing status reports and findings to the Board of Supervisors and Sheriff-Coroner on OIR investigations, reports to the community, as well as recognition of employees who perform their duties in an exemplary manner.

Connolly begins his new position on Sept. 1. His annual salary will be \$210,000.