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Veteran Leader Chosen as Interim Chief Probation Officer

San Mateo County to Conduct Nationwide Search for Permanent Chief

REDWOOD CITY, Calif. – The former head of Ventura County’s Probation Department will serve as San Mateo County’s interim Chief Probation Officer until a permanent candidate is selected, San Mateo County officials announced today.

Calvin Remington, the 2006 California Chief Probation Officer of the Year, retired in January 2007 after 10 years leading Ventura County’s Probation Department and more than 35 years of experience. He will assume interim leadership of San Mateo County’s Probation Department during the week of December 29th in order to ensure a seamless transition with current Chief Loren Buddress prior to Mr. Buddress’ retirement on Jan. 2, 2009.

Remington will not be a candidate for the permanent San Mateo County position.

“As the retired chief probation officer of Ventura County, Cal Remington brings strong leadership and a wealth of experience to this interim position as we initiate our process to select a permanent chief,” said San Mateo County Superior Court Presiding Judge Robert D. Foiles. “He is well regarded in the profession and is recognized as a probation leader in the state.”

San Mateo County will conduct an extensive nationwide search for the next leader of a department with more than 460 employees and an annual budget of \$72 million. Remington is expected to aid in the smooth transition to a new Chief and provide an assessment of the Department. The search for a new Chief is expected to take four to six months.

The San Mateo County Superior Court appoints the Chief Probation Officer.

Currently, members of the San Mateo County judiciary and soon-to-be County Manager David Boesch are meeting with Probation staff to share transition plans, hear from supervisors and staff members, recognize achievements and learn about opportunities to improve from those directly responsible for day-to-day operations.

The San Mateo County Probation Department oversees men and women who have been convicted of a crime but are given the option of serving the sentence out of custody as long as certain conditions are met. The Department operates numerous treatment programs to help reduce recidivism and increase public safety.

The Department also is responsible for juveniles in the criminal justice system and operates the Youth Services Center campus, residential camps and programs designed to aid children and families.

Remington began work as a California Parole Agent in 1970. He began working for Ventura County in 1974 and worked his way through the ranks to become Chief Probation Officer in 1997. He has served on numerous state and national criminal justice associations and as a consultant for the National Institute of Corrections and is a certified instructor for the Standards and Training for Corrections.

“We look forward to Cal Remington’s expert assessment of our operations here in San Mateo County,” Judge Foiles said. “His experience will be a great help to us as we transition to a new Chief Probation Officer.”

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