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## Statement by Board of Supervisors Chairman Gary Ovitt regarding the retirement of Sheriff Gary Penrod

"Sheriff Gary Penrod is deservedly recognized throughout California as one of the state's best sheriffs – as evidenced by his selection by the state's other sheriffs as President of the California State Sheriffs' Association.

"His department is one of the best-run operations in the county, and during 14 years as sheriff he has been at the forefront of developing strategies and securing funding to protect our citizens and our neighborhoods. The county will miss Sheriff Penrod's leadership and innovation, but we wish him the best in his well-earned retirement after a long and successful career.

"The County Charter requires the Board of Supervisors to appoint a qualified law enforcement officer to serve out the sheriff's unexpired term. On Tuesday, January 13, I will propose to the Board a process for appointing a new sheriff. There will be a public process in which qualified candidates will be asked to submit applications, and the Board will publicly interview the candidates and select a new sheriff.

"The Board would like to move as quickly possible to provide stability in the Sheriff's Department. In the meantime, I am completely confident in Undersheriff Richard Beemer's ability to lead the department on an interim basis following Sheriff Penrod's retirement."