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Experienced elections professional selected as Registrar

The County of San Bernardino has selected an experienced elections administrator with a proven track record of innovation to serve as Registrar of Voters.

Kari Verjil, currently Riverside County's chief deputy registrar, will assume the duties of San Bernardino County Registrar of Voters on June 27, 2005.

Ms. Verjil (pronounced "Virgil") has worked in the Riverside County Registrar of Voter's office since 1992, having served as chief deputy registrar since 2003. She started her career as an elections coordinator/assistant in the Riverside office, where she assisted in the implementation of the state's first electronic voting system.

As chief deputy registrar, Ms. Verjil has been a key manager of the department and has either directly supervised or had major managerial involvement with all aspects of election operations.

"This experience has prepared her well for assuming the registrar duties in our county, and she is looking forward to becoming a part of our management team," said Assistant County Administrator Norm Kanold, who supervises the Registrar of Voters as well as several other county departments.

Ms. Verjil holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Social Science from Chapman University and has taken postgraduate courses in education. She also holds a Certificate in Elections and Registration Administration (CERA) and is a member of the California Association for Clerks and Elections Officials.

Donna Manning, who has provided outstanding service as the interim registrar during the past several months, plans to remain with the department as chief deputy registrar and will assist Ms. Verjil in the transition.