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Board to consider sheriff appointment on Jan. 27

The Board of Supervisors on Jan. 27 will consider whether to appoint Assistant Sheriff Rod Hoops to serve the final two years of retiring Sheriff Gary Penrod's term in office.

The board today voted unanimously to forgo an application and interview process and bring back a proposal on Jan. 27 to appoint Hoops, which will include opportunities for board members and the public to comment prior to a vote.

Penrod, who has served as sheriff for 14 years and in the Sheriff's Department for 37 years, has announced that he will retire Jan. 31. Penrod was elected to his fourth four-year term in 2006. The County Charter requires the Board of Supervisors to appoint someone to serve the remainder of Penrod's term, which expires on Jan. 3, 2011.

Board Chairman Gary Ovitt had proposed a process for selecting a new sheriff that included minimum qualifications for the appointee, applications to be submitted by law enforcement officials interested in being appointed, and a public interview process involving all or only the most qualified applicants.

However, the board unanimously concluded today that the appropriate step was to schedule consideration of the Hoops appointment. Board members cited several reasons, among them concern that support that has been expressed for Hoops might influence an application and interview process.

The board will publicly consider appointing Hoops during its next regular Board of Supervisors meeting at 10 a.m. on Jan. 27 in the Covington Chambers of the County Government Center, 385 N. Arrowhead Ave., San Bernardino. Board meetings can be watched live on CountyVision, the county's web-based broadcast system, at www.sbcounty.gov.