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MONTEREY COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT WELCOMES JOSE RAMIREZ AS CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER

The Monterey County Superior Court and the County of Monterey are pleased to announce the appointment of Jose Ramirez as the Monterey County Chief Probation Officer.

After a nationwide recruitment, Mr. Ramirez was appointed to the position by the Monterey County Superior Court. Mr. Ramirez has been with the Monterey County Probation Department since August of 1996 and has over 28 years of experience in an administrative role, including serving as Juvenile Division Manager from 2011 to 2020. Mr. Ramirez recently served in the role of Acting Chief Probation Officer upon the retirement of Chief Todd Keating in November 2024. He also has held the position of Assistant Chief Probation Officer since October of 2020. Mr. Ramirez graduated from California State University of Monterey Bay with a bachelor's degree in social and behavioral science.

In his new role, Mr. Ramirez is responsible for the overall policy, administration, and management of the Probation Department, which includes adult and juvenile supervision and rehabilitation. Working together with law enforcement agencies, schools, community-based organizations and others, the Probation Department works to ensure public safety, offender rehabilitation and the protection of victims' rights.

The Superior Court's selection of Mr. Ramirez occurred in collaboration with input by the Juvenile Justice Commission, Monterey County District Attorney Jeannine Pacioni, and Monterey County Public Defender Susan Chapman.



Monterey County Presiding Judge Carrie Panetta commented: "We are pleased with the selection of Jose Ramirez as the Chief Probation Officer, building on the work he has done with the department for the past 28 years. We look forward to the continuation of the collaborative and productive relationship the court shares with the probation department under his leadership."

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