

Jerry E. Powers
Chief Probation Officer
Los Angeles County Probation Department

It is a distinct honor and pleasure to stand before you to introduce the new Probation Chief for the County of Los Angeles.

- He was born in Stockton, California and grew up in Rio Vista, California.
- After graduating from Rio Vista High School in 1980, he attended the UC San Diego where he received his BA degree in Psychology in 1985.
- Actually, Mr. Powers began his Probation career a year earlier as a student worker with the San Diego County Probation Department.
- During his 15 years with San Diego, he worked his way up the ranks to the level of supervisor.
- He worked in various assignments, which included the adult and juvenile facilities, school-based, and community supervision.
- In September of 2000, Chief Powers returned to California's Central Valley as a Manager for the Stanislaus County Probation Department. He was assigned to the juvenile hall as the Superintendent.
- And shortly thereafter, he was promoted to *Deputy Chief*.
- In November 2002, Mr. Powers was appointed by the Court as Stanislaus County's 13th *Chief Probation Officer*. *He led the Department for 10 years.*
- During that time, he spent a significant amount of time working with State policy makers advocating for probation and corrections reform.
- In 2006 and again in 2008, Chief Powers served as *President* of the Chief Probation Officers of California (CPOC), where his primary role was to interact with and advise the State Legislature and the Governor's Office on laws and issues that impacted probation services, operations, and budgets.
- In 2007, Arnold Schwarzenegger, Governor at that time, appointed him to the California Sex Offender Management Board.
- On December 6, 2011, Chief Powers became the 19th *Chief Probation Officer* for the Los Angeles County Probation Department
- The largest probation services agency in the United States with over 6,200 employees and 4,400 of those employees are sworn peace officers that supervise over 80,000 adult and juvenile probationers throughout the Los Angeles County with an annual budget of over \$700 million.

- The newest of the many projects that Chief Powers has been tasked with is to oversee and implement California's new Prison Realignment Plan (Assembly Bill 109 or AB 109).
- Under this new plan, the Los Angeles County Probation Department is tasked with supervising nearly 10,000 non-serious, non-violent, and non-sex offender parolees, but the term "parolee" was replaced with a new term called "Post-released Community Supervision."
- The Chief is a member of several Professional Associations:
 - California Probation Parole and Correctional Association, since 1985
 - American Probation and Parole Association, since 2002
 - Chief Probation Officers of California, since 2002
 - Stanislaus County Peace Officers Association, since 2000
 - Stanislaus County Law Enforcement Executives Association, since 2002
- When the Chief is not working at the Probation Headquarters in Downey, he enjoys spending time with his wife and his three children. His hobbies include golfing, hunting, fishing, diving, and traveling.

Ladies and gentlemen, please join me in welcoming Probation Chief Jerry E. Powers to the Los Angeles County Family.

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