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OC Board of Supervisors Chairwoman Lisa Bartlett becomes first California State Association of Counties President from Orange County in over 70 years

Santa Ana, Calif. (December 16, 2019) — Orange County Board of Supervisors Chairwoman Lisa Bartlett, Fifth District, was unanimously elected by her California county supervisor peers to serve as President of the California State Association of Counties (CSAC) at the Annual Conference in San Francisco.

CSAC, which celebrated its 125th anniversary at the early December conference, represents the state's 58 counties while working with the California Legislature, administrative agencies and the federal government. The organization strives to educate the public about the value and need for county programs and services.

"I am truly humbled and honored to serve as the 2020 CSAC President," said Chairwoman Lisa Bartlett, Fifth District. "I, along with my fellow officers, want to create an atmosphere where not only our constituents understand our role, but also where we can work with our local, state and federal governments to advance some of the critical issues every county is facing like homelessness, mental health services, court security and much more."

Chairwoman Bartlett has had multiple roles in the CSAC for the past two years. She was the leader of the Urban Caucus, the Second Vice President in 2018, and the First Vice President in 2019. Through her hard work and commitment to the organization and 58 counties, she has become the 2020 CSAC President.

"The County of Orange has not had someone serve as President of CSAC for 70 years and we are so happy to have Chairwoman Bartlett represent our County," said Vice Chair Michelle Steel, Second District.

As part of her presidency, Chairwoman Bartlett will launch her "Driven to Serve" campaign to educate the governor, legislators and other stakeholders about county governance and the important, critical work county supervisors do. The campaign will showcase the vital work that



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counties do each day and will allow counties to tell their stories clearly, concisely and effectively.

“I would like to congratulate Chairwoman Bartlett for being elected President of the California State Association of Counties,” said Supervisor Andrew Do, First District. “As the third largest county in California, and the sixth largest in the country, Orange County’s participation in CSAC will emphasize the need and value of county programs and services for all our residents.”

Part of Chairwoman Bartlett’s plan is building deeper relationships between the urban, suburban and rural caucuses to find common ground, enabling counties to work together as a cohesive team. To start that initiative, Chairwoman Bartlett and First-Vice President James Gore will be attending the Rural County Representatives of California installation ceremony next month.

“I wish Chairwoman Bartlett a warm congratulations on this immense accomplishment,” said Supervisor Donald Wagner, Third District. “Chairwoman Bartlett is qualified to serve on behalf of 58 counties, and I am confident her efforts will improve the quality of life for all whom she is privileged to represent.”

Chairwoman Bartlett hopes to move CSAC toward a strong focus on the representative supervisors, relying on their leadership and on-the-ground expertise to address the concerns that stretch across county borders.

“I was privileged to be able to attend Chairwoman Bartlett’s swearing-in ceremony at the annual CSAC conference,” said Supervisor Doug Chaffee, Fourth District. “The Orange Board of Supervisors and I are proud of Chairwoman Bartlett and know first-hand that she will do amazing things as the 2020 CSAC President.”

Chairwoman Bartlett will be working closely with all 58 counties to ensure that the many services counties provide for their constituents are carried out and protected.

For more information on CSAC, visit [CSAC’s website](#).

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