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Supervisor Lisa Bartlett Elected 2016 Board Chairwoman *Supervisor Michelle Steel Will Serve as Vice Chair*

(Santa Ana, CA) –Supervisor Lisa Bartlett, Fifth District, has been chosen unanimously by her colleagues to serve as chairwoman of the Orange County Board of Supervisors for 2016. Supervisor Michelle Steel, Second District, will serve as the Board's vice chair.

This is Supervisor Bartlett's second year on the Board. She was elected in November 2014 and took office in December 2014. Supervisor Bartlett began her involvement in local governance in 2006 when she was elected to the Dana Point City Council. She later served as the Dana Point Mayor Pro Tem in 2007-08 and as Mayor in 2009 and 2014. She holds a bachelor's degree in finance and a master's degree in business administration.

Supervisor Bartlett thanked her colleagues for their confidence and continued support. "I'm looking forward to a productive year," she said, listing several initiatives for the coming months, including increasing government effectiveness and efficiency, working to end homelessness in Orange County and the revitalization of Dana Point Harbor.

Supervisor Bartlett represents the Fifth District, the County's second largest and home to more than 650,000 residents. It includes Aliso Viejo, Dana Point, Laguna Beach, Laguna Hills, Laguna Niguel, Laguna Woods, Lake Forest, Mission Viejo, Rancho Santa Margarita, San Clemente and San Juan Capistrano, and the unincorporated areas of Coto de Caza and Ladera Ranch.

Supervisor Steel is also serving her second year on the Board. She represents the Second District, which includes Buena Park (parts), Costa Mesa, Cypress, Fountain Valley (parts), Huntington Beach, La Palma, Los Alamitos, Newport Beach, Seal Beach, Stanton, Rossmoor, Sunset Beach, Surfside and Santa Ana Heights.

"Chairwoman Bartlett and I look forward to working together with our colleagues to make sure that Orange County is a better county over the next year," she said.

Supervisor Andrew Do praised outgoing Board chairman Supervisor Todd Spitzer for his leadership in 2015. "You achieved everything you set out to do and proved why you have been such an asset to the people of Orange County," he said.

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