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County Hires Executive Director of Office of Independent Review

Santa Ana, Calif. (March 15, 2018) — The County of Orange Board of Supervisors voted March 13 to approve the appointment of Kevin Rogan as the Executive Director of the County's Office of Independent Review (OIR).

The OIR reports directly to the Board of Supervisors and provides independent assessments of County departments and functions. The office was established with the adoption of [Section 1-2-226 of the Codified Ordinances of the County of Orange](#) on February 26, 2008, and was later expanded when the ordinance was modified on November 10, 2015.

With more than 35 years of government service, Rogan comes to the County after most recently serving as the Assistant Inspector General for the City of Los Angeles' Inspector General's office. Prior to his work for the City of Los Angeles, Rogan served as a sworn police officer for the City of Pomona and as the Manager for the Community Police Review Commission for the City of Riverside.

"The Office of Independent Review is critical to the efficiency and transparency of our County," said Chairman Andrew Do, First District Supervisor. "We are excited to welcome Kevin, whose expertise will be valuable in upholding the integrity of our agencies."

The OIR was initially established to monitor, assist and advise the Orange County Sheriff's Department in investigations of custodial deaths or injuries, or allegations of employee misconduct. In 2015, the office's scope was expanded to include monitoring and assisting other County departments.

"The Board has now filled a critical gap in the structure designed to restore confidence in our public safety system," said Supervisor Todd Spitzer, Third District. "Restructuring the office to ensure proper checks and balances essential to a healthy County government is vital to the mission. All government agencies should embrace the OIR in the interest of truth and justice in the best interest of the citizens of Orange County."

Rogan is expected to start April 6, 2018. His appointment as OIR Executive Director marks the conclusion of the Board's recruitment for the position, filling the vacancy left by Stephen Connolly, who served as the OIR Executive Director from September 2008 through March 2016.



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“Our search for the right fit for the OIR Executive Director position was not easy,” said Supervisor Lisa Bartlett, Fifth District. “As important as public safety oversight is in Orange County, Chairman Do and I were thorough in making a recommendation to the Board and we now look forward to working with Kevin in his vital role of OIR Executive Director.”

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