



County of Monterey

Item No.2

Board Report

Board of Supervisors
Chambers
168 W. Alisal St., 1st Floor
Salinas, CA 93901

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December 07, 2022

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Current Status: Appointment

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Consider the appointment of Tina Nieto as interim Sheriff-Coroner effective December 30, 2022, at 5:01 p.m.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors adopt a resolution to:

- a. Acknowledge the retirement of Steve Bernal as elected Sheriff-Coroner effective December 30, 2022; and,
- b. Appoint Tina Nieto as interim Sheriff-Coroner effective December 30, 2022, at 5:01 p.m.

SUMMARY:

Sheriff-Coroner Steve Bernal will retire on December 30, 2022, leaving the position of Sheriff-Coroner vacant for several days until the newly elected Sheriff-Coroner, Tina Nieto, is sworn in on January 3, 2023. Approval of the recommended action will assure a smooth transition between the retiring Sheriff-Coroner and the newly elected Sheriff-Coroner.

DISCUSSION:

Steve Bernal was sworn in as the Sheriff-Coroner of the County of Monterey on January 5, 2015. In accordance with Government Code Section 1750, the Board of Supervisors is informed of Mr. Bernal's intent to retire as the duly elected Sheriff-Coroner effective December 30, 2022. Mr. Bernal has served the residents of the County of Monterey for twenty-three (23) years, with the last eight (8) years served in the capacity of Sheriff-Coroner.

Tina Nieto was duly elected Sheriff-Coroner on November 8, 2022. Ms. Nieto's term of office commences when she takes the oath of office as early as 12:00 p.m. noon on Tuesday, January 3, 2023.

The Sheriff-Coroner position will be vacant for several days following Mr. Bernal's retirement on December 30, 2022, until his successor is sworn in on January 3, 2023, or soon thereafter. Ms. Nieto meets all qualifications set forth in Government Code section 24004.3. The appointment of Tina Nieto as interim Sheriff-Coroner will ensure the continuity of departmental leadership during the short period of December 30, 2022, at 5:01 p.m., through the start of the newly elected Sheriff's term.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

County Counsel has reviewed and approved the resolution as to form.

FINANCING:

There is no financial impact resulting from the approval of this item.

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS STRATEGIC INITIATIVES:


This recommendation supports the Administration initiative by providing continuity of critical government operations.

Mark a check to the related Board of Supervisors Strategic Initiatives

- Economic Development
- X Administration
- Health & Human Services
- Infrastructure
- Public Safety

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Attachments:

Resolution; and,
Resignation Letter from Sheriff Steve Bernal