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### Press Release

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#### **County Seeks Applicants for Victims' Representative Vacancy on Contra Costa County Community Corrections Partnership (CCP)**

(Martinez, CA) - The Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors is seeking residents who may be interested in serving as a victims' representative on its 14-member Contra Costa County Community Corrections Partnership (CCP).

In 2011, the California Legislature passed Realignment legislation addressing public safety (AB 109). This law transferred responsibility for supervising and housing individuals convicted of certain low-level felonies to counties and tasked local county government with developing a new approach to reducing future involvement in criminal activity for this population. Among the major changes to the local criminal justice system created by AB 109:

- 1) The incarceration of people convicted of certain low-level felonies (specified nonviolent, non-serious, non-sex offenses) to terms in local county jails, instead of state prisons, possibly followed by a mandatory term of supervision by Probation;
- 2) the local county supervision by Probation, instead of state parole, of people convicted of certain lower-level felonies (non-violent, non-serious, and non-sex offense) after their release from state prison under a new category of supervision called *Post-Release Community Supervision* (PRCS); and
- 3) the incarceration of individuals in local jails, instead of state prison, for violations and revocations of both parole supervision and PRCS.

AB 109 also created an Executive Committee of the local Community Corrections Partnership and tasked it with recommending a Realignment Plan to the county Board of Supervisors for implementation of the criminal justice realignment. The Community Corrections Partnership is identified in statute as the following:

#### ***Community Corrections Partnership***

1. Chief Probation Officer (Chair)
2. Presiding Judge (or designee)

3. County supervisor, County Administrative Officer, or a designee of the Board of Supervisors
4. District Attorney
5. Public Defender
6. Sheriff
7. Chief of Police
8. Head of the County department of social services
9. Head of the County department of mental health
10. Head of the County department of employment
11. Head of the County alcohol and substance abuse programs
12. Head of the County Office of Education
13. Community Based Organization representative with experience in rehabilitative services for criminal offenders
14. Victims' representative

The Board is now seeking applications for the vacant seat of a victims' representative. The victims' representative applicant should reflect experience advocating and supporting the interests of victims.

Appointments to the CCP will be for a term of one year beginning on January 1 and ending on December 31. The CCP is expected to meet on a quarterly basis. Members will serve without compensation, stipends, or reimbursement of expenses.

Applicants will be interviewed by the Board of Supervisors' Public Protection Committee (PPC): Supervisors John Gioia, District I, and Federal Glover, District V. The nomination for the CCP Victims' representative seat will then be forwarded to the full Board of Supervisors for action.

Below is a timeline of the recruitment process for the vacancy:

- October 14: issue press release and conduct outreach
- November 22: Application Deadline
- December 2: PPC Meeting Interviews
- December 17: Board of Supervisors' consideration of PPC nominations

Application forms can be obtained from the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors by calling (925) 335-1900 or visiting the County webpage at <https://www.contracosta.ca.gov/3418/>. Applications should be returned to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, Room 106, County Administration Building, 651 Pine Street, Martinez, CA 94553. Applications can also be emailed to [ClerkoftheBoard@cob.cccounty.us](mailto:ClerkoftheBoard@cob.cccounty.us).

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