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Supervisors appoint Nancy Anderson as next Chief Administrative Officer

On Tuesday, August 6, 2024, the Kern County Board of Supervisors voted unanimously (4—0) to appoint Nancy Anderson as Kern County’s next Chief Administrative Officer, effective September 9, 2024.

The Board received a tremendous pool of highly skilled applicants from across the nation, ultimately narrowing down their search from 42 people, to a select handful of qualified in-state and internal candidates. After much deliberation and many rounds of interviews, the Board is proud to welcome Ms. Anderson back to Kern County.

“Kern County and its residents are fortunate that Ms. Anderson is returning home to bring her unique blend of knowledge, skills, experience, and dedication to improving the quality of life for all our residents,” said Fourth District Supervisor and Chairman of the Board, David Couch. “Ms. Anderson has over 20 years of experience working for Kern County in several key leadership positions and has only enhanced her local government experience during the last four years by serving as Santa Barbara County’s Chief Assistant County Executive Officer and Assistant County Executive Officer.”

Ms. Anderson holds a Bachelor of Science from CSU Bakersfield with a concentration in accounting, is a Certified Fraud Examiner, and served as Kern County’s Chief Operations Officer from 2019 to 2020, Assistant County Administrative Officer for Budget, Finance and Compliance from 2011 to 2019, Assistant Auditor-Controller from 2009 to 2011, and Special Accounting Division Chief from 2003 to 2009. Throughout the last four years, Ms. Anderson has further developed her skills in the County of Santa Barbara leadership positions listed above.

“I look forward to reconnecting with the County’s outstanding leadership to progress goals and objectives that ensure a resilient and sustainable future for Kern County,” said Nancy Anderson, Kern County’s incoming Chief Administrative Officer.

Interim Chief Administrative Officer, Elsa Martinez, would also like to thank the Board for the opportunity to serve Kern County residents during this transition.

“It has been my honor to support our community and workforce during this time, and I am thrilled to welcome Ms. Anderson back to our team,” said Martinez.

While only one CAO can be selected for this position, the Board would also like to acknowledge the talent of their internal candidates. This recruitment has further illuminated the strength of Kern County’s workforce and highlighted the innovative and diverse leadership across Kern County’s many departments.

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