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New Public Defender Appointed by the Board of Supervisors

(Santa Ana, CA) — The Orange County Board of Supervisors has appointed Frank Ospino to serve as the County's Public Defender. His appointment to the position was effective January 27, 2012.

Ospino has served the County as Interim Public Defender since August of 2011. He has held the progressive positions of Deputy Public Defender, Senior Deputy Public Defender, Assistant Public Defender, and Senior Assistant Public Defender over the course of his 24-year career with the department. "Frank has risen through the ranks of the Public Defender's office and worked closely with the previous Public Defender to prepare himself for this leadership position. We believe he will continue the tradition of providing effective representation to the clients of the Office of the Public Defender," said Chairman John M.W. Moorlach, Second District Supervisor.

Ospino received his Juris Doctor degree from the University of California, Hastings College of Law and has a bachelor of arts in Political Science from the University of California, Irvine. He is a member of the California State Bar, the Orange County Bar Association, the Orange County Hispanic Bar Association, and the California Public Defenders Association.

Ospino was selected by the Board following a nationwide recruitment effort. His annual salary will be \$207,979.20 (\$99.99 an hour).

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