



MEMORANDUM
County Executive Office
County of Placer

TO: Board of Supervisors

DATE: January 24, 2017

FROM: David Boesch, County Executive Officer

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SUBJECT: Appointment of Placer County Sheriff-Coroner-Marshal

ACTION REQUESTED

It is requested that your Board consider appointment of Devon Bell, Undersheriff, to the Placer County Sheriff-Coroner-Marshal's office effective February 26, 2017. This appointment would fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Edward "Ed" Bonner, Sheriff. The appointed Sheriff would serve the remainder of the unexpired term, which ends 2018.

BACKGROUND

The incumbent Sheriff, Ed Bonner, has submitted his letter of resignation through retirement from office effective February 25, 2017. This creates a vacancy in this elective County office under the County Charter. The Board of Supervisors is authorized to fill this vacancy. The procedure to be followed in filling the vacancy is set out in the Placer County Charter and under the general law of the State of California. The procedure set out in the Placer County Charter is found in section 404, titled Elected Officers, Vacancies, and states:

"Whenever a vacancy occurs in any elective county office, other than a member of the Board of Supervisors, the Board shall fill such vacancy and the appointee shall hold office until the next general election and until his successor is elected and qualified."

Undersheriff Devon Bell has served Placer County since 1992. He was promoted to Sergeant in 1998, Lieutenant in 2005, and as the Undersheriff in 2007. Undersheriff Bell graduated from Del Oro High School, received a Bachelor's degree in 2008, and a Master's degree in 2014 from the prestigious Naval Postgraduate School; he also attend attended the FBI Academy.

The County Executive Officer recommends that the Board consider appointment of Devon Bell, Undersheriff, to fulfill the remaining term of the Placer County Sheriff-Coroner-Marshal.

FISCAL IMPACT

None.

