



# News Release

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### **NEW CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER SELECTED**

Presiding Judge John W. Lua announced the selection of Ms. Elaine Moore as the Chief Probation Officer for the County of Kern. She will replace Mr. William Dickinson, the incumbent Chief, who announced his retirement in May.

Ms. Moore has worked for the Probation Department for 30 years. She promoted to Deputy Chief Probation Officer in 2023. In her most recent role, she oversaw the Youth Services Bureau. Ms. Moore was responsible for five operational divisions, including three youth facilities, investigations and approximately 400 staff positions. Ms. Moore graduated from California State University, Bakersfield. She is a Kern County native. She will assume her new duties as Chief Probation Officer July 25.

“We are pleased to welcome Ms. Moore as the new Chief Probation Officer,” said Presiding Judge Lua. “Her passion for the department and unwavering dedication to its mission are unmistakable. With her extensive leadership experience and deep knowledge of probation services, she is exceptionally well positioned to serve our community.”

Judge Lua said, “Ms. Moore’s leadership will carry forward the strong traditions established by Chief Dickinson and the leaders who came before him. We look forward to working collaboratively with her and her management team as the department continues to advance its important work.”

The recruitment was a coordinated effort by Kern County Superior Court Judicial Officers and Board of Supervisors. The selection process also included the vetting of applicants by the Kern County Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission, comprised of local citizens, per Welfare and Institutions Code 225 et al.

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