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## **Chief Deputy DA Raven Appointed to Corrections Standards Authority**

(Woodland, CA) – On October 21, Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr. announced the appointment of Jonathan Raven, 47, of Davis, to the Corrections Standards Authority. The Corrections Standards Authority (CSA) works in partnership with city and county officials to develop and maintain standards for the construction of local jails and juvenile detention facilities and operation of state and local jails and juvenile detention facilities, and for the selection and training of state and local corrections personnel.

The CSA also inspects local adult and juvenile detention facilities; administers grant programs that respond to facility construction needs, juvenile crime and delinquency; and conducts special studies relative to the public safety of California's communities. In carrying out these major responsibilities, the CSA and its staff work closely with county sheriffs, directors of corrections and chief probation officers, as well as other state and local officials and community-based service providers, to achieve continued improvement in the conditions of local detention facilities and the delivery of effective state and local corrections programs.

Jonathan Raven currently serves as the Chief Deputy District Attorney for the Yolo County District Attorney's Office. He was appointed Assistant Chief Deputy in 2007 and was promoted to Chief by District Attorney Jeff Reisig in 2010. Raven previously served as Director of the Office of Victims' Services from 2002 to 2007 for the California Department of Justice under Attorney General Bill Lockyer. He also served as deputy district attorney for the Yolo County District Attorney from 1995 to 2002.

Raven is a board member and past president of the board of the Yolo County Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Center and is Co-Chair of the California District Attorneys Association Victims' Rights Committee. He is an adjunct professor at the University of California at Davis Law School where he teaches trial advocacy. Raven received his Juris Doctorate from Loyola Law School.

Yolo County Chief Probation Officer Marjorie Rist commended the Governor's choice. "Jonathan Raven is an excellent choice for appointment to the Corrections Standards Authority board," said Rist. "He is a strong advocate for victims, understands the practical challenges faced by criminal justice agencies, and works hard to build partnerships and find collaborative solutions to problems. His knowledge and passion will be a great benefit."

The CSA meets every other month. The position requires Senate confirmation and does not receive compensation.

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