



COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO

MEMORANDUM

OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY

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DATE: January 7, 2013
TO: All Members of the District Attorney's Office
FROM: Jan Scully *Jan*
SUBJECT: Announcement

Good Afternoon,

With mixed emotions I announce I will not seek re-election in 2014. My term and career as District Attorney will end on December 31, 2014. My emotions are mixed because, as a deputy district attorney and as the elected district attorney, this office has been my second family/home for some 34 years. It will be hard to say goodbye to all of you and to my career as a prosecutor. On the other hand, I look forward to beginning a new chapter of my life.

But it is much too early for a farewell email – you still have me for another two years! Instead I want to tell you some of the goals I want to accomplish before my departure and invite all of you to work with me to achieve these and other goals.

First, it is important we continue to develop the future leaders of our office. Leadership is a “team sport” in this office and, without a doubt; we have many talented professionals from which to build a team that will continue moving our office forward. This also includes continuing to hire the best people possible.

Second, although we have faced significant budget challenges the last few years, all of you, through hard work and dedication, have continued to provide the citizens of Sacramento County the highest level of service possible. Budget reductions did require us to change how we operated and some of those changes have made us more efficient and cost-effective. We will

maintain the positive changes we have made and then, as budget restorations become possible, work to 1) restore staff to operations that suffered the biggest cuts such as the Investigations Bureau and Crime Lab; and, 2) rebuild important programs we were forced to cut back including, but not limited to, our “Officer Involved Shooting” investigations and reviews and our Community Prosecution Program.

I also want to work with our Court to begin distinguishing claims of “prosecutorial misconduct”, reserved for intentional wrong doing, from prosecution error. As our deputy DAs know, claims of misconduct can result in significant consequences to the deputy and the integrity of the conviction. Unfortunately, simple errors are too often called misconduct when nothing could be further from the truth.

As many of you know, I am leading a community-wide initiative to establish a regional family justice center to support and assist victims of domestic and family violence. While we are still at the beginning stages of this effort, we have already made significant progress in bringing together a vast array of stakeholders and service providers to begin the important work of providing better support and services to those victims and families in need so they can be safe and free from violence. It is my hope that, with the leadership of our diverse strategic planning team, we will bring together community leaders from both the public and private sector and this group will turn our “strategic plan” into the reality of a family justice center that offers an unprecedented array of services.

Finally, I cannot find adequate words to express the pride and love I have for our office and for all of you, my DA family. I am so proud of the work we have done and will continue to do together to make our community safe.

I look forward to a productive 2013 with you, Happy New Year!

Jan