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ASSISTANT CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER APPOINTED *New Assistant Started As County Intern 25 Years Ago*

San Diego County Chief Probation Officer Mack Jenkins announced today the appointment of John Hensley as the new Assistant Chief Probation Officer.

"I am confident John will provide exemplary service to the citizens of San Diego County," said Jenkins.

Hensley began his career with the County of San Diego in 1983 as a Sheriff's Department intern. He soon moved to the Probation Department, where he has spent the last 24 years working in all three divisions of the organization, first as a line officer and then in management.

Most recently Hensley served as a deputy chief probation officer and oversaw the development and implementation of the Youthful Offender Reentry Program, Prison Reentry Program and DUI Enforcement Unit, all award-winning programs for innovation and effective use of taxpayer dollars.

During his career, Hensley has been the project director for the construction of the \$53 million East Mesa Juvenile Detention Facility and the assistant superintendent for Juvenile Hall. He also supervised the Crime Prevention Act of 2000 and Breaking Cycles Demonstration Project, recognized by the federal government as a national model for reducing juvenile crime. In addition, Hensley made his mark developing partnerships with law enforcement agencies, schools, government leaders and community groups.

John holds a master's degree in Criminology from the University of California at San Diego and a bachelor's degree in Sociology from California State University at Sacramento.

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