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## **San Joaquin County Chief Probation Officer Appointed**

Presiding Juvenile Court Judge Barbara A. Kronlund with the unanimous support of the judges of San Joaquin County, has appointed Patricia Mazzilli as Chief Probation Officer.

Patty Mazzilli is a longtime resident of San Joaquin County who earned her Associates Degree in the Administration of Justice from San Joaquin Delta College in 1982. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice in 1984 from California State University, Sacramento.

Ms. Mazzilli has 23 years of experience with the San Joaquin County Probation Department. For that past 3 years, she has served as the second in command of the organization, as Assistant Chief Probation Officer. During her career with the department, she has held management positions over all department divisions, including Field and Court Services, Detention, and Administrative Services. Prior to her work with the Probation Department, Ms. Mazzilli worked as a Group Counselor at Mary Graham Children's Shelter and was responsible for the supervision, care, safety, and custody of children temporarily housed at this 24 hour dependent children facility.

During her time with Probation, Ms. Mazzilli has gained the experience, training, and knowledge to effectively lead the Department successfully into the future. Her management and team building skills have served her well in establishing strong community partnerships with justice leaders and local leaders, including at the state level. Ms. Mazzilli's response to her appointment, "I am honored to serve the courts, the county, and our community. We have great staff and community support and will be committed to excellence under my leadership of the Probation Department in the many services we provide."

Ms. Mazzilli fills the Chief Probation Officer position left vacant by Chris Hope who retired in January 2009. Ms. Mazzilli will begin her new assignment on Monday, March 2, 2009.

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