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ANTONOVICH SEEKS CHANGES TO REDUCE THE LENGTH OF TIME DEPUTIES WORK IN JAIL

Judge Tevrizian Appointed to "Citizens' Commission on Jail Violence"

LOS ANGELES COUNTY — Along with a unanimous vote to establish a "Citizens' Commission on Jail Violence," the Board of Supervisors approved a series of recommendations for the Sheriff's implementation and consideration. One of the recommendations submitted by Mayor Antonovich was to reduce the time newly-sworn deputies are required to serve in the jails before being assigned to patrol. Currently, they serve between three and five years before being assigned to patrol.

Mayor Antonovich has also appointed retired Judge Dickran Tevrizian, a Pasadena resident who served on the Los Angeles Municipal Court from 1972 to 1978 and served on the California Superior Court in Los Angeles from 1978 to 1982, to the Citizens' Commission. Nominated by President Ronald Reagan, he was confirmed to a new seat on the United States District Court for the Central District of California on December 16, 1985. Tevrizian assumed senior status on August 5, 2005, before retiring in 2007.

"Through his unique experience and keen judgment, Judge Tevrizian has demonstrated his solid credibility and integrity as a jurist and as a public servant," said Antonovich. "He will be a valuable asset to this commission."

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