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MAURIELLO RECEIVES DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

The County of Santa Cruz is pleased to announce that County Administrative Officer Susan A. Mauriello was honored Wednesday with the 2nd annual Distinguished Service Award by the County Administrative Officers Association of California.

The award honors statewide leadership at the county executive level, and recognizes mentorship, ethics, innovation and effectiveness on behalf of county residents. The award was presented at the California State Association of Counties' annual meeting in Palm Springs.

"I am humbled to receive this award from my peers," Mauriello said. "This represents an endorsement of the hard work and dedication of the Board of Supervisors and all County employees toward making Santa Cruz County a great place to live, work and play."

At 27 years, Mauriello is the longest-serving county administrative officer in California. She was appointed one month before the 1989 Loma Prieta Earthquake, and has guided the County through earthquake recovery, numerous storms and fires and the Great Recession.

Through the years, Mauriello has demonstrated effective leadership through collaboration, frequently partnering with community-based organizations to increase the effectiveness of County programs and leverage funds. She has also been an advocate for criminal justice reforms, helping transform Santa Cruz County into a national model for reducing recidivism and jail populations while saving taxpayer dollars.



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She has served on behalf of the governor the Board of State and Community Corrections, served on the boards of various nonprofit and civic groups and mentored new CAOs through her active participation in CAOAC.

During her tenure, the County's annual budget has grown from \$178 million to more than \$700 million. She has overseen the development of dozens of new County parks and facilities, including the Simpkins Family Swim Center and Public Safety Center. She has also increased county reserves, increased participation in public benefit programs, raised the County's environmental profile and created an Economic Development Division while navigating unfunded mandates, budget shortfalls, public safety realignment and the loss of redevelopment agencies.

Mauriello was nominated for the Distinguished Service Award by Yolo County Administrator Patrick Blacklock.