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DR. ARNOLD LEFF APPOINTED INTERIM PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICER

The County of Santa Cruz is pleased to announce it has appointed Dr. Arnold Leff as interim Public Health Officer.

Dr. Leff is a Santa Cruz County resident who has over 30 years of professional physician and leadership experience in various medical and public health fields, including palliative care, drug and alcohol abuse, sexually-transmitted disease prevention and more. He previously served as interim Public Health Officer and interim Health Director for Santa Cruz County, Health Director for Contra Costa County and Commissioner of Public Health for the City of Cincinnati.

Leff's appointment follows the departure of Dr. Lisa Hernandez, who recently left the County to pursue other opportunities. The County will conduct a nationwide search for a permanent Public Health Officer.

County Health Services Agency Director Giang Nguyen thanked Dr. Hernandez for her successful leadership of the Public Health Department and looks forward to working with Dr. Leff to fill this important role.