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## **Jessica Witt Appointed as Orange County’s Chief Operating Officer**

**Santa Ana, CA** (February 24, 2025) – Interim Orange County Executive Officer (CEO) Michelle Aguirre announced that Jessica Witt is the new Chief Operating Officer (COO). Ms. Witt assumed her role on Friday, February 7, 2025.

“Jessica participated in a competitive selection process, and her 20 years of dedicated service to the County—along with her extensive leadership experience—distinguished her as the best choice for Chief Operating Officer. Having worked alongside Jessica for many years, I have seen firsthand her integrity, leadership, and ability to bring calm and common sense even in the most challenging times,” said Interim County CEO Michelle Aguirre. “I am confident that her experience and commitment will greatly benefit the County and the residents we serve.”

Ms. Witt’s most recent role at the County was serving as the Director of CEO Government & Community Relations, where she lead the County’s legislative, communication, and CEO’s administrative efforts including the County’s Service Center Information Desk.

Ms. Witt joined the County in 2003 and over her 20 years of dedicated service to the County served as Deputy Chief of Staff to a member of the Board of Supervisors, Manager of Strategic Planning & Legislation for OC Public Works, and Deputy Chief Operating Officer in the County Executive Office.

Ms. Witt earned her Bachelor of Arts degree from Claremont McKenna College and a Master of Public Administration from the University of Southern California. She is a CSAC Credentialed County Senior Executive and recently completed the NACo High Performance Leadership Academy.

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