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## **Eric Havens Appointed as New County Counsel**

**October 12, 2021** – Today, at their regular meeting, the Imperial County Board of Supervisors announced the appointment of Eric Havens as County Counsel. Mr. Havens replaces Adam Crook who announced his resignation effective October 28, 2021. Mr. Havens will assume the role effectively immediately working with Mr. Crook during this transition period through October 28, 2021.

As County Counsel, Havens is expected to provide timely, effective and ethical legal representation, advice and counsel to the Board of Supervisors, County departments, special districts, and other public agencies, as mandated and authorized by County Ordinance and State statutes.

Prior to joining the Office of County Counsel, Havens taught English as a Foreign Language in South Korea from 2001 to 2007 at Gyeong Sang National University in Jinju, Gyeongnam Province. From 2007 to 2010, he attended University of California, Hastings College and obtained his Juris Doctorate before passing the State of California Bar Exam in 2011. Shortly after passing the bar, Havens worked with the Law Firm of Anderholt & Storey until joining County Counsel in 2013. He continued to work his way through County Counsel ranks where he eventually was appointed as Assistant County Counsel.

"On behalf of the Board of Supervisors, we wish to thank Mr. Crook for his contributions to our County and leading the department throughout the COVID-19 pandemic," stated Chairman of the Board and District 4 Supervisor, Michael W. Kelley. "We are also excited to welcome Mr. Havens into this position and trust that his experience and familiarity with the County will benefit the department."

Upon his appointment, Mr. Havens stated, "I am highly honored and truly thankful to accept this position as County Counsel. As an individual with deep family ties to the Imperial County, I look forward to providing excellent legal representation to the County Board of Supervisors and our departments in an effort to serve the people of the Imperial County."

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