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MERCED DA MORSE ELECTED TO CDAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Merced County District Attorney Larry D. Morse II was elected to serve as a member of the Board of Directors of the California District Attorneys Association at their June conference, it was announced recently.

Morse, 54, has served as District Attorney since July of 2006. He has worked in the District Attorney's office since 1993 as a deputy district attorney and chief deputy.

The California District Attorneys Association has been in existence for over 90 years. Originally composed of county counsels and district attorneys from California's 58 counties, it was incorporated in 1974 to serve the needs and to promote the interests of California's prosecutors. Today, CDAA is over 2,500 members strong, and its Sacramento headquarters is supported by a full time staff of attorneys, training consultants, publications experts and support staff. CDAA's mission is "to promote excellence by enhancing prosecutorial excellence."

CDAA provides continuing legal education and legislative advocacy for its members on issues involving criminal justice and public safety. It does not contribute to candidates' political campaigns, attend fund raisers or endorse candidates for political office.

Morse also serves as co-chair of CDAA's Legislation Committee which reviews bills, lobbies the California Legislature and provides technical assistance to the Legislature's policy committees. Prior to joining the District Attorney's office Morse served as Legislative Director to the late state senator Milton Marks (D-San Francisco). He began his career as a reporter for the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette newspaper in Little Rock, Ar.

"Since its inception, CDAA has been a tireless advocate for the cause of public safety," Morse said. "It has been in the forefront of every major criminal justice reform of the past 40 years and continues to aggressively promote the rights of victims and the ends of justice. It is a tremendous honor to serve on its board of directors," he added.