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Statement from Sheriff Hutchens regarding election of next Orange County Sheriff

SANTA ANA, Ca. (Nov. 7, 2018) – Please see the statement below from Orange County Sheriff Sandra Hutchens.

"I congratulate Sheriff-elect Don Barnes on a well-earned victory! He is the right person for the job and will be ready to lead the Orange County Sheriff's Department on day one.

Two years ago I selected Don Barnes to serve as undersheriff because of his exceptional integrity, vision, and experience. Now the people of Orange County have recognized those same qualities in Don Barnes and, in their wisdom, have selected him to be their Sheriff. The public safety of Orange County is in good hands.

Sheriff-elect Barnes will take office on January 7th. I look forward to working with him over the two month transition period. It is bittersweet to leave a job I love, but made easier by the fact that my successor is someone who will lead with character and informed judgment.

The people of Orange County can have every confidence that Don Barnes will be a watchful steward of taxpayer dollars, a servant leader for the 4,000 employees of the Orange County Sheriff's Department, and, most importantly, a faithful advocate for the safety of Orange County residents."

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