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LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HONORS DEPUTY PROBATION OFFICER CATHERINE BRENNAN



Photo: 2nd District Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas, Chief Probation Officer Terri L. McDonald, 4th District Supervisor Janice Hahn, 3rd District Supervisor Sheila Kuehl, 1st District Supervisor Hilda L. Solis, DPO II Catherine Brennan and her husband, Mike Brennan, Chief Deputy Probation Officer Reaver Bingham, 5th District Supervisor Kathryn Barger.

LOS ANGELES—The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors proudly recognized Los Angeles County Deputy Probation Officer II (DPO II) Catherine Brennan as the 2017 Award of Excellence recipient from the Chief Probation Officers of California (CPOC) during its meeting on Tuesday, January 23.

The CPOC Award of Excellence is presented to a probation employee making significant contributions that have had statewide or far-reaching impact on the field of probation. These nominees can come from one of the 19,000 sworn, non-sworn or management ranks of Probation Departments across the state. Nominations are made by, or on behalf of individual Chief Probation Officers. One recipient is chosen from nominees throughout the state.

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“Deputy Probation Officer II Catherine Brennan exemplifies a model of excellence for Probation Officers statewide,” said Los Angeles County Supervisor Hilda L. Solis, who arranged the Board’s recognition of Brennan. “Probation Officer Brennan and her team have been positively impacting the lives of veterans, transitional age youth, victims of human trafficking, those with mental illnesses, and our chronically homeless population by identifying modern approaches to reducing recidivism and promoting alternative sentencing frameworks. Probation Officer Brennan’s efforts have not gone unnoticed, and I congratulate her and the entire Los Angeles County Probation Department on this well-deserved honor.”

Probation Officer Brennan serves in the Community Collaborative Court (CCC) program within the Probation Department’s Adult Services Court Officer Team (ASCOT) since 2015. The CCC program utilizes alternative sentencing, such as Drug Court, Veteran’s Court, or Second-Chance Women’s Re-entry Court for criminal offenses. These courts are community service-based alternatives to traditional incarceration which has proven to reduce recidivism. Brennan’s work with probationers who are veterans, homeless, mentally-ill, substance abusers, and victims of human trafficking have garnered praise throughout the Los Angeles Superior Courts.

In the CCC program, a collaborative team approach with various agencies is used to identify the proposed level of care and treatment placement necessary to assist the probationer with appropriate services. Brennan, who has been with the Los Angeles County Probation Department since 1989, acts as a liaison between county and municipal agencies and the Probation Department for her clients, frequently visiting them in Los Angeles and surrounding counties. Her concern is for the benefit of her clients, and credits the frequent collaboration with colleagues across the social services spectrum as an essential element in making her work effective.

“There are so many people who work alongside with me who share in this recognition,” said Brennan. “Probation has offered many challenges and opportunities that I am thankful for and I am so proud and grateful to do the work that I do.”

Los Angeles County Deputy Probation Officer II Martha Aguirre, Senior Director Dalila Alcantara, Senior Detention Services Officer Ruth Tyson, Los Angeles County Probation Commissioner Don Meredith and Board of Supervisors Third District Justice Deputy Sherry Gold were also recognized by CPOC, receiving a Distinguished Service Certificate for their meritorious service.

The Chief Probation Officers of California is leadership association composed of Probation Department Chiefs from all 58 California counties with a shared identity as law enforcement leaders who are committed to a research-based approach to public safety that promotes positive behavior change. CPOC’s goal is to prevent crime and delinquency, reduce recidivism, restore victims and promote healthy families and communities.

For more information about CPOC and its role within the State’s probation service agencies, please visit www.cpo.org.

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