## PROBATION DIRECTOR SCOTT SVONKIN APPOINTED TO COUNCIL ON CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

On September 6th, Speaker of the Sixty-Third Assembly District, Anthony Rendon, appointed Probation Director of Inter-Governmental Relations Scott Svonkin to the Council on Criminal Justice and Behavioral Health (CCJBH).

CCJBH is a 12-member council chaired by the secretary of CDCR. The council comprises representatives from the Department of State Hospitals (DSH), the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS), and appointed criminal justice and behavioral health experts. The council is tasked with several statutory goals, including investigating, identifying, and promoting cost-effective strategies that prevent adults and juveniles with behavioral health needs from becoming incarcerated; identifying incentives for state and local justice and health programs to adopt such approaches; reporting activities to the legislature, and providing recommendations for improving the cost-effectiveness of existing behavioral health and criminal justice programs.

"I am honored to have been chosen to serve by the Speaker to serve on this Council," expressed Scott Svonkin." I am thankful to the Chief for his support of this important work. It is humbling to represent law enforcement across the State and Los Angeles County."

Mr. Svonkin began his service as a council member on October 28th.

Congratulations on your new appointment!

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