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**James R. Perez is Selected Orange County
2008-2009 Grand Jury Foreperson**

Santa Ana – James R. Perez has been selected as the Foreperson for the 2008/2009 Grand Jury which will begin a one-year term July 1, 2008 announced Judge Kim G. Dunning, Chair of the Grand Jury Recruitment and Selection Committee.

“Mr. Perez has extensive experience bringing together members of diverse groups to resolve disputes and accomplish common goals,” said Judge Dunning. He’s held executive positions with the federal government for more than 20 years, serving as Regional Director for the Civil Rights Technical Assistance Office for the U.S. Department Health and Human Services and Inspector in Charge of the Office of Equal Employment Opportunity Affairs for the U.S. Department of Justice Federal Bureau of Investigation. He’s also led public relations and community education programs for the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund.

In addition to his professional experience, Mr. Perez has volunteered his organization and team-building skills to social service and non-profit organizations. He served as board member and vice chairman of the Dayle McIntosh Center for Disabled Persons in Garden Grove and was a national board member and vice-president of the American Association for Affirmative Action, an organization that supports training for those in the profession of affirmative action and equal employment opportunity.

Mr. Perez was educated at California State University at Fullerton, Fullerton Community College, Los Angeles City College and St. Mary’s College in Moraga, California.

The incoming 19 Grand Jury Members will participate in a six-day orientation and training program conducted by members of the present Grand Jury and advisors from the offices of the District Attorney and County Counsel. The 2008/2009 Grand Jury will be impaneled at a proceeding in Department C1 of the Superior Court in Orange County at the Central Justice Center in Santa Ana, on July 1 at 10:00 a.m.