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(Note: Swearing-in scheduled for 9:15 a.m. in Yaroslavsky's office.)

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ASSISTANT PUBLIC DEFENDER NEW MEMBER OF STATE JUVENILE JUSTICE/DELINQUENCY GROUP

Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky today swore in Los Angeles County Assistant Public Defender Winston Peters as a member of the California State Advisory Group on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency.

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger appointed Peters to the post on Nov. 28.

The state advisory group participates in development and review of the multi-year Juvenile Justice Plan for California, reviews grant applications, provides recommendations on compliance with core requirements of the federal Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Act by the state, and reviews the progress of projects funded under the state plan.

Members serve on the executive steering committee of the state Corrections Standards Authority (CSA), which focuses on both local juvenile and adult corrections systems in the areas of personnel development, facilities health and safety, and correctional programming.

The steering committee handles several functions in grants administration: provides recommendations to the CSA on program design, implementation, operations and funding of awards; develops technical requirements, rating criteria and evaluation process for requests for proposals; and makes recommendations that the CSA relies upon to make funding decisions.