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JOHN GIOIA ELECTED AS CSAC FIRST VICE PRESIDENT

Contra Costa County Supervisor to Help Lead Statewide Association

Sacramento - The California State Association of Counties (CSAC) has elected Contra Costa County Supervisor John Gioia to serve as First Vice President. He was officially installed on Thursday, November 29, during CSAC's Annual Meeting in Long Beach. His term will cover most of 2013 - another year that promises to spotlight California counties.

"In 2011 and 2012, CSAC was able to build connections with the Governor and key Legislative leaders," said Gioia. "Those relationships helped us immensely as we worked through public-safety realignment and other issues. We are expecting more of the same kind of changes in 2013 and I am looking forward to helping our President (Del Norte County Supervisor David Finigan), our other officers and the CSAC staff continue to build on those existing relationships. Together we can make sure that California's 58 counties speak with a strong, unified voice at the State Capitol and continue to provide vital programs and services to the 38 million Californians we serve."

"First Vice President Gioia brings a wealth of experience in county government, policy and political acumen," said CSAC Executive Director Matt Cate. Those skills benefit the people he represents in Contra Costa County - and through his leadership role in CSAC, his abilities benefit all 58 California counties and their residents. I'm looking forward to a great year of working with him."

The California State Association of Counties is the voice of California's 58 counties at *the state and federal level.*

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