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Alameda County Health Officer Selected to Serve as State Epidemiologist by Governor Gavin Newsom

Familiar Name Will Step in to Fill Alameda County Health Officer Role and Maintain Continuity in the County's Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic

OAKLAND, CA— Alameda County Health Officer Dr. Erica Pan is heading to Sacramento following her appointment by Governor Gavin Newsom serve as the State Epidemiologist and Deputy Director overseeing the Center for Infectious Diseases at the California Department of Public Health. Dr. Nicholas J. Moss, MD, MPH will step in to serve as the County's Interim Health Officer effective June 30, 2020. The County's swift action ensures continuity in the ongoing response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

"I'm deeply appreciative of Dr. Pan's leadership over the years and especially grateful for the courage and resolve she's shown during this pandemic. Her exceptional knowledge, skills, and experience in public health leadership have clearly been recognized by our State colleagues, and I'm confident she will continue to advance California's pandemic response," said Colleen Chawla, Agency Director, Alameda County Health Care Services Agency (HCSA). "Given his background in infectious disease and strategic leadership role in the County's COVID-19 response, Dr. Moss is well prepared for this transition at a critical time."

Dr. Pan came to the Alameda County Public Health Department in 2011 as the Director of the Division of Communicable Disease Control and Prevention, following six years as the Director of Bioterrorism and Infectious Disease Emergencies at the San Francisco Department of Public Health and a year creating and leading San Francisco's Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Response Section. She accepted appointment to Interim Health Officer in July 2018, and has led response efforts during significant community health events including the November 2018 wildfires and air quality challenges, the March 2019 measles outbreak, the fall 2019 PG&E Public Safety Power Shutdowns, and the COVID-19 pandemic.

"I'm thankful for the opportunity to have served Alameda County for the past nine years, and grateful for the community's support of the dramatic measures we had to take to slow the spread of COVID19 during these unprecedented times," said Dr. Pan. "There has never been a more challenging time to be a public health officer, yet I look forward to the honor of serving to help lead this work more broadly statewide. I leave here proud of the work our Public Health Department does every day to keep our communities healthy and safe, and confident in Dr. Moss' ability to continue our plan to address the complex issues of this pandemic."

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Dr. Moss joined the Alameda County Public Health Department in April 2013 to lead the HIV/STD Section and provide oversight and planning for HIV care, build sustainable funding for HIV prevention, and integrate HIV and STD work in the department. He has increased and improved the County's presence and coordination with community, public health leaders and academic partners. Since early this year, Dr. Moss has served as Deputy Health Officer and Acting Director for the Division of Communicable Disease Control and Prevention.

"Dr. Moss is well known within our HIV/AIDS and STD provider community for his clinical expertise and leadership," stated Kimi Watkins-Tartt, HCSA's Public Health Director. "He has more recently become known as one of the familiar leadership and policy voices during our County's response to COVID-19, leading day-to-day emergency operations and disease control strategy, and filling in for Dr. Pan as needed."

The Health Officer transition comes at a time when Alameda County is monitoring its key COVID-19 indicators while continuing to consider the most appropriate timing to reopen various activities. Alameda County is able to move forward cautiously as a result of several proactive steps taken earlier this year by the Health Officer, including the initial shelter-in-place orders which are projected by the Big Cities Health Coalition to have saved more than 7,000 lives across the county.

"Dr. Pan is a dedicated public servant whose tireless efforts paved the way for Alameda County's response to the COVID-19 pandemic among many of her achievements," said Dr. Moss. "I am fortunate to follow in her footsteps and have greatly appreciated her guidance as a colleague and a friend."

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