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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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## CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE ANNOUNCES UPDATES TO ITS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE UNIT

**San Diego, CA**: The City Attorney's Office is pleased to announce that Marlea Dell'Anno has been named Chief Deputy City Attorney of the Domestic Violence Unit. Marlea has been with the City Attorney's Office since September 2009 and brings over 14 years of experience handling major felony cases from homicide, rape, sexual assault and domestic violence. Prior to the City Attorney's Office Marlea was a prosecutor with the Fresno County District Attorney's Office Sexual Assault Child Abuse Team and a Public Defender for seven years in Tulare County.

The City Attorney's Office is also pleased to announce that it will now be providing a daily presence at the new San Diego Family Justice Center. The Family Justice Center is a one stop shop for victims of domestic violence where over 200 professionals come together to provide victims of domestic violence with the resources they need to break the cycle of violence. Through collaboration and coordinated services, they hold perpetrators accountable, while providing long-term support, safety, counseling and food, clothing and medical assistance for victims, children and elders impacted by family violence.

The City Attorney's Domestic Violence Unit is responsible for the prosecution of all misdemeanor domestic violence, elder abuse and child abuse cases occurring with the City of San Diego, 4S Ranch and Poway. The Unit's mission is to maintain victim safety while holding perpetrators accountable for their actions and providing aggressive, comprehensive and early prosecution of domestic violence cases.

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