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### **BOARD ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENT OF COLLEEN CHAWLA AS ALAMEDA COUNTY HEALTH CARE SERVICES AGENCY DIRECTOR**

The Alameda County Board of Supervisors today announced its unanimous appointment of Colleen Chawla as the Health Care Services Agency (HCSA) Director after a national recruitment that sought the best candidates to fill this key leadership position. Her appointment is effective on December 18, 2017.

Ms. Chawla is currently the Deputy Director of the San Francisco Department of Public Health with responsibility for overseeing a department with an annual budget of \$2.1 billion and over 8000 employees. She has served as the Deputy Director since 2011 after initially joining the San Francisco Department of Public Health in 1999 after seven years with the AIDS Project Los Angeles. From 2005 to 2010, Colleen served as the Director of State Government Relations for two publicly-traded biotechnology companies.

A graduate of the University of Southern California with a Bachelor's degree in history, Colleen also has a Masters of Public Administration/Health Services Administration from the University of San Francisco. She and her husband are longtime Oakland residents.

“We are very pleased to announce the appointment of Colleen Chawla as our new Health Care Services Agency Director. As a seasoned public sector executive, Colleen has direct experience overseeing the full continuum of safety net health care services including two hospitals, and a commitment to deliver high quality culturally responsive services to our communities,” said Wilma Chan Board President and Chair of the Health Committee.

Susan S. Muranishi, County Administrator, added, “We congratulate Colleen on her appointment and look forward to her joining the County’s strong executive leadership team. We also extend our sincere gratitude to Rebecca Gebhart for serving as the HCSA Interim Director for almost two years and continuing to assist through the transition.”