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## **Statewide Group of County Executives Selects Susan S. Muranishi to Receive First Annual Distinguished Service Award**

Alameda County Administrator Susan S. Muranishi has been selected by a statewide association of her peers to receive the “Inaugural Annual County Administrator/County Executive Distinguished Service Award.”

Muranishi, Alameda County’s Chief Executive since December 1995, was chosen by the County Administrative Officers Association of California (CAOAC) as the Distinguished Service Award’s first-ever recipient due to her exemplary work, status as a role model for other county executives and leadership in championing innovative programs that improve the delivery of public services.

“This recognition is truly deserved,” said Alameda County Supervisor Keith Carson, who nominated Muranishi for the award. “The work Susan performs each day on behalf of the people of Alameda County epitomizes the term Distinguished Service.”

Added Scott Haggerty, President of the Alameda County Board of Supervisors: “In the face of many challenges, it is Susan who always seems to come up with the creative solution that protects our precious public resources and ensures that we maintain first-rate service to our community.”

CAOAC presented the award to Muranishi earlier this month at the annual meeting of the California State Association of Counties (CSAC).

An independent panel of judges was charged with selecting the county executive who best demonstrates leadership, abides the highest ethical standards and whose work has brought long-term, positive results for the community.

Carson said Muranishi not only meets but exceeds these criteria, noting that Muranishi’s strong fiscal leadership helped guide Alameda County through the recent protracted recession while avoiding major service reductions and layoffs.

Muranishi, he said, also has been a champion of government transparency and community engagement – a commitment she has demonstrated by:

- leading the implementation of the Budget Workgroup that gives community stakeholders the opportunity to offer early input on Alameda County budget decisions
- championing community “hackathons” and other opportunities to leverage the ideas and energy of residents in the search for more effective ways to serve the community and
- directing the creation of the County’s Open Budget website, a first-of-its-kind resource in California providing an easy-to-understand overview of County finances.

Muranishi said receiving the Distinguished Service Award was one of the greatest honors she has received during her lengthy career in public service, noting that she was selected by a panel of respected peers who have a unique understanding of the many demands involved in leading a large, urban county.

“As someone who was raised right here in Alameda County, I feel deeply honored by the statewide recognition for the work that I am passionate about – the opportunity to help lead this community I love in a positive direction,” she said. “My journey and successes would not have been possible without the strong support of the Board of Supervisors, department heads and my staff, as well as our community partners and stakeholders.”