



# Superior Court of California

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## **RAFAEL F. NIEVES APPOINTED TO COUNTY BOARD OF PAROLE COMMISSIONERS**

Ventura Superior Court Presiding Judge Donald D. Coleman has appointed Rafael F. Nieves to serve as a member of the County Board of Parole Commissioners. His term began on August 12 and is for one year. The term may be extended for two additional one-year terms, not to exceed three consecutive years.

The County Board of Parole Commissioners is comprised of the Sheriff and the Probation Officer, or their designees, and a third member who is not a public officer, selected by the Superior Court Presiding Judge.

The Board establishes written rules and regulations for the granting of supervised parole to an inmate imprisoned within a county or city jail, or related facility. The rules and regulations, and the rationale behind them, are provided to each Ventura County Superior Court judge and persons in charge of the county's correctional facilities.

Upon an inmate's application for parole, the Board seeks input from the sentencing judge, to which it must give careful consideration before making its final determination. The Board may release a prisoner on parole for a term not to exceed three years.

Nieves was a member of the Oxnard Police Department for 25 years, starting as an officer assigned to the patrol division. He promoted through the ranks and became a Police Commander in 1998, where he managed the daily operations and personnel within one of four districts within the city. In 2000, he was appointed the Detective Division Commander and served in that role until his retirement in 2003.

The following year he was hired as the Emergency Management Officer for Naval Base Ventura County. He served in the capacity until his retirement from Department of the Navy Civil Service in January 2013.

Nieves served in the U.S. Navy on active duty for eight years, followed by 34 years in the Navy Reserves, a portion of which were on active duty. He began his naval service as a Radioman and retired at the rank of Captain. Notable assignments include Commanding Officer of NCTAMSPAC 219 and Deputy Director of the National Maritime Domain Awareness Coordination Office at the Pentagon in Washington DC.

Nieves holds an Associate degree in Administration of Justice, a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice, and a Master's degree in Business Organizational Management.

He is a three-time past president of the Ventura County Chapter of the National Latino Peace Officers Association (NLPOA). In 2012, he was awarded lifetime membership status by the national NLPOA board of directors in recognition of his over thirty years of service to the association. He continues in his service to NLPOA and is currently the treasurer for the Ventura County Chapter.

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