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SUPERVISORS MAKE HISTORY WITH SHERIFF PICK

The Orange County Board of Supervisors made history Tuesday by appointing former Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department division chief Sandra Hutchens as the county's 12th sheriff.

Hutchens is the first woman to hold the position and the first person to be appointed sheriff by supervisors in Orange County's 119-year history.

Hutchens will replace Sheriff Mike Carona, who resigned in January to fight federal corruption charges. Carona was the first Orange County sheriff to leave office before the end of his term.

In 1974, Sheriff James A. Musick became the first Orange County sheriff to retire from the job instead of being replaced by voters. That year, Musick endorsed Brad Gates to replace him, and Gates ultimately was elected. Sheriff Gates served until he chose not to run for reelection in 1998. Carona ran to replace Gates, beating Santa Ana Police Chief Paul Waters for the job.

The following is a list of Orange County sheriffs since the county's inception in 1889:

Richard T. Harris, 1889-1890
Theo Lacy, 1891-94; 1899-1910
Joe C. Nichols, 1895-1898
Charles E. Ruddock, 1911-1914
Calvin E. Jackson, 1915-1922
Sam Jernigan, 1923-1930

Logan Jackson, 1931-1938
Jesse L. Elliott, 1939-1946
James A. Musick, 1947-1974
Brad L. Gates, 1975-1998
Michael S. Carona, 1999-Jan. 2008

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