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GOVERNOR APPOINTS LUPE GARCIA ABC'S CHIEF DEPUTY DIRECTOR

Sacramento – Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger has appointed Lupe Garcia the Chief Deputy Director of the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control.

A veteran of the Department for 28-years, Garcia has worked his way up through the ranks to become the number two person in ABC. As Chief Deputy Director, Garcia will oversee the day-to-day operation of the Department's two divisions and 23 district offices.

ABC Director Jerry R. Jolly praised the Governor's appointment. "Lupe Garcia is by far the best choice for this most important position. His knowledge of ABC law, his ability to work with the alcohol industry and law enforcement, and his leadership qualities are a great asset to the Department," said Jolly.

Garcia joined ABC in 1976, after graduating from Reedley High School and receiving a Bachelors Degree in Criminology from California State University, Fresno. He worked throughout the State as an investigator and served as District Administrator in Fresno for seven years before becoming Deputy Division Chief for ABC's Southern Division. He most recently served as Assistant Director for the Southern Division, overseeing 13 district offices from Kern County to the Mexican border.

Garcia is married, has three daughters and one grandson.