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AUDITOR-CONTROLLER NAMES CYPRESS MAYOR PRO-TEM STACY BERRY TAXPAYER WATCHDOG

February 7, 2018 – ORANGE COUNTY, CA – Today, Orange County's independently-elected Auditor-Controller Eric H. Woolery, CPA, recognized Cypress Mayor Pro-Tem Stacy Berry with the Taxpayer Watchdog Award for February 2018.

"Taxpayers deserve elected officials who are champions of responsibility and transparency to safeguard public funds and the public trust," Woolery stated. "Mayor Pro-Tem Stacy Berry is an excellent example of that 'watchdog' mentality."

Mayor Pro-Tem Berry was named Taxpayer Watchdog for her commitment to ensuring a fiscally sound City Hall and her dedication to supporting Taxpayers in opposing a mid-contract rate increase with vendor for citywide services.

"I am honored to be considered a 'Taxpayer Watchdog,' by our Auditor-Controller, Mr. Woolery," said Mayor Pro-Tem Berry. She added, "It's an uphill battle sometimes, but I had to do what was right in my heart, and what I know to be right for the Taxpayers."



Orange County Auditor-Controller Eric Woolery presents Cypress Mayor Pro-Tem Stacy Berry with the Taxpayer Watchdog award.

Mayor Pro-Tem Berry joins a list of Taxpayer Watchdogs that includes attorney and former County Public Financing Advisory Council (PFAC) Chairwoman Lisa Hughes, longtime County Audit Oversight Committee (AOC) Chairman David Carlson, Senator Patricia Bates, County Treasurer Shari Freidenrich, former Sutter County Auditor-Controller Robert Stark, Irvine Mayor Donald P. Wagner, Huntington Beach Mayor Mike Posey, Huntington Beach City Treasurer Alisa Cutchen, Orange County Taxpayers Association CEO Carolyn Cavecche, and others.

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Eric H. Woolery, CPA, is a Taxpayer advocate who was elected to serve as Orange County's Auditor-Controller in June 2014. He previously served as Treasurer of the City of Orange and the chief financial officer of a county department. Woolery graduated from Orange Lutheran High School and the California State University, Fullerton. For more information on the Auditor-Controller's office, visit www.ac.ocgov.com

Mayor Pro-Tem Stacy Berry is serving her first term on the Cypress City Council. She also serves as President of Cypress Children's Advocacy Council and a Board Member of the Woman's Club of Cypress and Soroptimist International of Cypress.