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### **COMMISSIONER PICKS NEW BUDGET DIRECTOR & POLICY COORDINATOR FOR GA DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE**

**(ATLANTA - GA)** Commissioner Avery D. Niles is pleased to announce the latest additions to the DJJ Team. Commissioner Niles named John R. Gee as the new Budget Director for the Georgia Department of Juvenile Justice and Jean Urrutia as the Agency's Policy Coordinator for the DJJ Office of Legal Services.

#### **John Gee Named DJJ Budget Director**

Director John R. Gee has fourteen years of budgetary management experience directing the preparation of annual operating budgets, monitoring federal grants and government agency contracts, and conducting projections and analyses with state agency budgets ranging from \$250 million to more than \$1 billion annually.

In 1999, John Gee served as Budget Officer with the Division of Family and Children Services within the GA Department of Human Resources. In 2001, he moved to the GA Department of Community Affairs as Budget Manager where he remained until accepting the position of Budget Director with the GA Department of Juvenile Justice in August 2013.

Director Gee is a native of Virginia where he earned his Bachelors of Science Degree in Mathematics from Virginia State University. During his time in the Air Force he earned his Masters of Science Degree in Management from Troy State University. In 2007 John earned an Associate Degree in Biblical Education from Beulah Heights University in Atlanta, Georgia.

John served 20 years in his first career before retiring from the U.S. Air Force. Six of those years were as Programs & Plans Manager at Tyndall AFB supervising an environmental research program with a \$25-million annual budget. Before Tyndall, John was assigned as Deputy Director of Space Launch and Operations at Los Angeles AFB, California where he planned, developed, and managed all aspects of launching, maintaining, and testing a multi-billion dollar Defense Support Program satellite project.

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As a U.S. Air Force Acquisition Manager for seven years, John also managed microcomputer hardware and software systems for automated command and control units for the Tactical Air Forces. Today, DJJ's Director John R. Gee resides in Stone Mountain with Ella, his wife. They have two daughters, Angela and Ashley, and two grandchildren, DaJohn and Naomi.

**Jean Urrutia is New DJJ Policy Coordinator**

DJJ Policy Coordinator Jean Urrutia began her career with the Georgia Department of Juvenile Justice more than ten years ago.

During her time with the Department, Jean's career path has been consistently mile marked with promotions and acknowledgments of her contributions to the DJJ mission. The first position Jean held at DJJ was as Program Assistant. Since then she has built a career as JPPS II, JPPS III, and Juvenile Program Manager.

During a decade of work with the Community Services Division, Mrs. Jean Urrutia has also been an active community volunteer, serving on a wide variety of committees, such as the Alliance for Children's Enrichment (ACE), the Local Interagency Planning Team (LIPT) and Family Connections. She also does translation work with the DJJ Communications Team for projects that require Spanish language editions.

Now Jean Urrutia brings a strong background in community life, particularly in the area of youth advocacy, to her new assignment as Agency Policy Coordinator for the DJJ Office of Legal Services at Central Office.

Commissioner Avery Niles said, "We need the skillsets and know-how our new Budget Director John Gee and our new Policy Coordinator Jean Urrutia bring to these critical positions from inside and outside this department."

"Director Gee's professional background is built on the sound management principles, strong leadership and problem solving abilities developed during the span of two successful careers," said Niles. "DJJ is fortunate to benefit from John Gee's military experience."

"I have no doubt this agency will also benefit from Jean Urrutia's decade of work in some of DJJ's most challenging positions," said Commissioner Niles. "We will need her policy coordination and guidance to support the forward momentum I envision this agency needs to achieve its juvenile justice reform mission."

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