

JENNIFER
CHRISTENSEN
— AUDITOR —



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SANTA BARBARA COUNTY AUDITOR-CONTROLLER

Jennifer Christensen is currently the Chief Investment Officer for Santa Barbara County, managing a \$1.6 billion dollar portfolio for the county, public schools and special districts. In this capacity, Jennifer develops and executes financial and risk management strategies. She is a highly regarded and proven public finance professional. A fifth generation Californian, Jennifer earned her BA from UCLA, and her Juris Doctorate and MBA from USC. She began her career in public service with the Office of County Counsel as a municipal finance attorney, providing legal support to the Board of Supervisors as well as most county departments including the Auditor-Controller, Public Works, Sheriff, and the Clerk-Recorder-Assessor.

With five years of service as the attorney to the County Auditor-Controller and six years as a Division Chief for the County Auditor-Controller with responsibility for the county's audited financial statements, budget, and financial accounting, Jennifer's extensive experience with the Auditor-Controller uniquely positions her to lead the department and the county through the fiscal challenges ahead.

In fact, there is not a single aspect of governance that Jennifer has not touched in over a decade and a half with the county. She understands how the county works, knows its budget, how it's financed, where the money is, and how years of wasteful spending have contributed to accumulated liabilities in excess of \$1 billion.

Jennifer has also served as an elected member of the Board of the Santa Barbara County Employees' Retirement System. Jennifer's expertise in law and public pension funding equip her uniquely to confront and address the critical issue of pension sustainability. Jennifer is committed to stamping out abusive practices like pension spiking and an embezzlement scheme that went undetected by the current Auditor administration for 10 years. Jennifer will ensure that sufficient internal controls are adopted to protect Santa Barbara from future theft.

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**QUALIFICATIONS TO SERVE AS YOUR AUDITOR
CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE § 26945**

EDUCATION & EXPERIENCE

University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA

Juris Doctorate, Emphasis in Business Law
Master of Business Administration, Emphasis in Finance

University of California, Los Angeles, CA

Bachelor of Arts, History

Certified Public Finance Officer (CPFO)
Certified Fixed Income Professional (CFIP)

September 2013-Present

County of Santa Barbara, Treasurer-Tax Collector
Chief Investment Officer/Deputy Treasurer
Santa Barbara, CA

December 2007-September 2013

County of Santa Barbara, Auditor-Controller
Financial Reporting and Financial Accounting Division Chief
Santa Barbara, CA

January 2007-December 2007

County of Santa Barbara, Housing and Community Development
Assistant Director
Santa Barbara, CA

May 2006-December 2006

County of Santa Barbara, County Executive Office
Project Manager
Santa Barbara, CA

October 2001-May 2006

County of Santa Barbara, Office of County Counsel
Deputy County Counsel
Santa Barbara, CA

Trustee, Santa Barbara County Employees' Retirement System
Commissioner, City of Santa Barbara Fire and Police Commission

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