California Dental Association names new president
Dr. Richard Nagy begins 2020 term

For Immediate Release
Jan. 3, 2020

Sacramento, Calif. — The California Dental Association recently announced that its new president for 2020 is Richard Nagy, DDS, a periodontist, whose term began Jan. 1. Nagy succeeds Immediate Past President R. Del Brunner, DDS.

“It’s an honor to serve as president of an organization committed to the profession of dentistry and improving the oral health of all Californians,” said Nagy. “Oral health is essential to overall health, and CDA will continue our work to ensure the state’s Medi-Cal Dental Program is accessible to millions of low-income Californians.”

Nagy, who is past president of the Santa Barbara-Ventura County Dental Society, has served as president of the California Society of Periodontists and Western Society of Periodontology. He also served as a trustee to the American Academy of Periodontology.

As president, Nagy’s goals include enhancing CDA’s membership value, supporting policymaking decisions and implementing its strategic plan to meet the needs of members and shape the future of dentistry and patient care.

“As the leading oral health advocate in California, we have opportunities to explore how we can improve the delivery of care and the oral health of our most vulnerable populations such as the elderly and disabled,” Nagy said.

Nagy graduated from The Ohio State University College of Dentistry in 1986 and earned his certification in periodontology four years later from Wadsworth V.A. Medical Center in Los Angeles. For more than 30 years, he has provided care to communities across Southern California, including Vista, West Covina and Santa Barbara, where he owns a private practice. Nagy has also served as faculty for dental education programs, including the UCLA School of Dentistry and West Los Angeles Veteran’s Affairs Medical Center.

About the California Dental Association
The California Dental Association is the nonprofit organization representing organized dentistry in California. Founded in 1870, CDA is committed to the success of our members in service to their patients and the public. CDA also contributes to the oral health of Californians through various comprehensive programs and advocacy. CDA’s membership consists of more than 27,000 dentists, making it the largest constituent of the American Dental Association. For more information, visit cda.org.

# # #