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## Hagman Promotes Economic Growth and Development

San Bernardino, CA -- Supervisor Curt Hagman today applauded the County Board of Supervisors for unanimously passing an ordinance to increase flexibility in economic development activities such as land acquisition, land proposal and financing in collaboration with private sector partners.

"I voted as an Assemblyman in favor of SB 470, the legislation authorizing local governments to enact these kinds of ordinances," noted Hagman. "The public and private sectors working together to create jobs and economic opportunities for our residents has always been a high priority of mine and I strongly support this ordinance for these reasons."

As part of the 2011 Budget Act, the Legislature approved the dissolution of the state's 400 plus redevelopment agencies that attracted economic activity and investment to local municipalities. Following the dissolution of redevelopment agencies, in 2014, the State Legislature enacted SB 470 and AB 562 allowing counties and cities to introduce local strategies to increase jobs, create economic opportunity and generate tax revenues.

The adoption of the Economic Development Ordinance would allow the county to have the authority to find private sector partners to implement the County's economic development objectives through developer solicitation, direct negotiations or surplus land auction.

"These partnerships will help advance the public interest and more importantly benefit the community," said Hagman.

Prior to any county owned lands being considered for sale, a summary report of the benefits of the transaction must be approved by the Board of Supervisors. That report must contain a finding that the purchase, sale, or lease of the subject property will assist in the creation of economic opportunity.

The Economic Development Ordinance will ease the problems caused by the elimination of redevelopment agencies around the state following the 2011 Budget Act. Today's decision will provide local government with flexibility in furthering economic development projects with proven ability to create jobs and increase tax revenues through economic growth.

Supervisor Hagman was elected to represent the Fourth District on the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors in November 2014. He currently serves as the Vice Chairman of the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors. Prior to his service in the County of San Bernardino, he represented California's 55<sup>th</sup> Assembly District in the State Legislature. Hagman is also a proud member of the California State Military Reserve.

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