

NEWS

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Ovitt Secures \$8 Million in District Projects in Mid-Year Budget Vote

San Bernardino- Supervisor Gary Ovitt, with unanimous support from his Board colleagues, secured over eight million dollars in 4th District appropriations at Tuesday's Board of Supervisors Meeting. Funding for local projects included road and drainage improvements around neighborhood schools, appropriations to expand the District Attorney and Public Defender's offices, adding additional staff for the County's Anti-Gang Unit, funding for a Health Science & Nursing Center at Chaffey College in Chino, as well as funds for books to expand 4th District library collections.

"Funds appropriated for community needs such as road improvements, healthcare, public safety, and our libraries are meeting the needs of our children and residents," stated Ovitt. "Parents should feel safe sending their children to school, without fear of road conditions that would endanger their lives or predators who would do them harm. I am thankful that my colleagues on the Board saw fit to support these programs. We will add 6 positions in the Bureau of Investigations Unit, 10 positions to address workload issues in the Public Defenders Office, and we'll expand the Probation Department's Anti-Gang Unit task force."

Funding for the Chaffey College Health Sciences Center in Chino will help address the County's need for additional nurses. The State's Economic Development Department forecasts over 11,000 new Registered Nurses will be required annually over the next five years in California.

"This appropriation is a step in the right direction in dealing with local healthcare needs. This partnership with Chaffey College creates a unique opportunity to better equip the County in addressing the local shortage of healthcare professionals, and expand healthcare services for the medically indigent, the elderly, and children's healthcare services," stated Ovitt. "Educational opportunities are the key to

expanding our workforce, and the appropriations given to our local libraries in the 4th District will expand opportunities for our children.”

For additional information regarding the Mid-Year Budget please contact the Supervisor’s District Office at 909-465-1895.