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## **Josie Gonzales Fifth District**

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#### **SUPERVISOR EARMARKS FUNDS FOR HOLIDAY TURKEYS, THE HOMELESS**

**SAN BERNARDINO** – 5<sup>th</sup> District Supervisor Josie Gonzales' allocation of \$9,000 to assist needy families, seniors and the homeless during the month of November was unanimously approved today by the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors.

Once again Supervisor Gonzales, along with her colleagues on the County Board, is giving funds to purchase turkeys and donate them to local churches and community-based organizations for the upcoming Thanksgiving holidays.

Her earmark of \$5,000 will purchase over 460 turkeys to serve the homeless, low-income residents, and seniors living in the cities of Colton, Rialto, Fontana and San Bernardino as well as the unincorporated areas of Bloomington and Muscoy.

#### **1<sup>st</sup> Annual Project Homeless Connect**

The remainder of the funds, \$4,000, will enable the San Bernardino County Homeless Partnership to hold its first annual Project Homeless Connect. The inaugural outreach event will bring variety of State and County social service departments along with local non-profit organizations together to provide essential services for the homeless.

An estimated 500 to 700 homeless residents living in and around the 5<sup>th</sup> District are expected to attend and benefit from a variety of free on-site services, from haircuts and clean clothing to a nutritious meal, and much more.

Project Homeless Connect will be held Monday, November 16, 2009 from 1:00 to 4:00 PM at The Rock, located at 2234 South Waterman Avenue in the City of San Bernardino.

“As we approach the holidays it is even more critical that we reach out to those individuals who need a little extra to make ends meet,” said Supervisor Gonzales.

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“Through these two community outreach opportunities, we are able to help our local non-profits provide services and our residents to receive a little extra care and special attention this time of the year,” added Gonzales.

Churches and non-profits needing turkeys for holiday dinners and/or take home baskets should send their requests in writing to Supervisor Gonzales’ office at 385 North Arrowhead Avenue, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, San Bernardino CA 92415.

For more information about the turkey giveaway and/or Project Homeless Connect call Supervisor Gonzales’ office at (909) 387-4565.

*The Fifth District includes the unincorporated areas of Bloomington, Muscoy, North Norton, El Rancho Verde, and Arrowhead Farms, the City of Rialto, major portions of the cities of Colton and San Bernardino, and the eastern portion of the City of Fontana.*

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