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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Supervisor Gonzales approves, board passes budget in 5-0 decision

SAN BERNARDINO – On Wednesday, the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors unanimously voted in approval of the 2013-14 County budget. The \$4.4 billion balanced budget will come into effect July 1, when the new fiscal year begins.

"I am proud that even in these difficult economic times, the County can present a balanced budget that puts public safety and the well-being of our residents as the primary focus," said Supervisor Gonzales. "This budget also invests tax-dollars into critical infrastructure projects that will make our communities safer and help generate job growth within the county."

Notable expenditures within the 2013-14 budget include:

- ✓ \$4.5 million in discretionary general funding to construct a facility that will accommodate moving of the Sheriff'Coroner/Public Administrator's aviation operations from the Rialto Airport to San Bernardino International Airport.
- ✓ \$20.0 million for a proposed public safety upgrade project regarding the county's digital radio emergency communication system.
- ✓ \$15.7 million in additional funding for the preapproved project to expand the exisiting Sheriff's Crime lab by approximately 20,000 square feet.
- ✓ \$4.5 million to the Department of Public Works to help construct the Glen Helen Parkway grade separation, Yates Road alignment and support department operations.

Of the \$4.4 billion total budget, the County has discretion over the distribution of \$499 million. The remainder of funds are mandated and controlled by state and federal law. For the past seven consecutive years, San Bernardino County's budget has been honored by the Government Finance Officers Association as one of the best in North America in terms of clarity and completeness.

Visit www.sbcounty.gov/cao to view the entirety of this year's recommended budget and final budgets dating back to 2001.