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JGFDS-PR-275-CHAIR SUPPORTS CONSIDERATION FOR MILITARY LIAISON PROGRAM FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT LISHA SMITH AT (909) 387-4565

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE CHAIR SUPPORTS CONSIDERATION OF LIAISON PROGRAM FOR LOCAL MILITARY AND THEIR FAMILIES

SAN BERNARDINO – Directing County staff to research the establishment of a Military Liaison Program for local service men and women and their families is an idea San Bernardino County Board of Supervisor Chair Josie Gonzales heartily approves.

During today's Board meeting the Supervisors directed staff to identify options to establish a formal military liaison program. The item, authored by Vice Chairman Brad Mitzelfelt, gives staff 45 days to identify and then present to the Board options for an ongoing program that will provide County services to military personnel and their families.

"According to Bill Moseley, Director of our County Department of Veterans Affairs, his office has had a long working relationship with the bases, but it's been primarily with the soldiers and Marines leaving the military," said Board Chair Gonzales. "However, other departments, such as Workforce Development and Human Services, have been offering assistance for enlisted men and women as well as their families."

"The Vice Chair's effort will codify what is already being done for these families; and I support his direction to have staff identify those options," added Gonzales.

"I also thank our departments for opening the lines of communication with the local military program managers, and letting them know that we are here to help," she added.

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