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**JGFDS-PR-272 CHAIR'S PROPOSAL REFORMS DISCRETIONARY FUNDS USE  
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#### **CHAIR'S PROPOSAL REFORMING DISCRETIONARY FUND SPENDING APPROVED**

**SAN BERNARDINO** – In May 2011 San Bernardino County Chair Josie Gonzales announced a series of county government reforms. Today, as a result of one of those proposals, the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved an amended policy that redefines the use of board discretionary dollars, achieving another step in the series.

Prior to today's action, the Supervisors could use the funds to reimburse staff members' salaries and benefits. The approved amendments disallow the use of such funds to reimburse board staffing costs.

The changes also:

- Require a report of fund expenditures as part of the quarterly budget update;
- Set allocations over \$5,000 on a reimbursable basis, contingent on provision of clear deliverables;
- Require that allocations must include a 5% administration fee to manage the contracts until the funds are fully expended; and
- Include a provision that any unspent funds after FY 2015-16 be returned to the County General Fund.

"We continue to change the way the County does business," said Supervisor Gonzales. "By consistently aligning ourselves with our adopted County Vision, we ensure accountability to our residents."

"We must wisely invest the taxpayers' money and deliver long-term community based benefits. In doing so, we can support improved services and amenities that enrich our communities – particularly our unincorporated areas – and spark revenue generating opportunities," added Gonzales.

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