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Ovitt Expands Online Open Government Availability

SAN BERNARDINO – San Bernardino County Fourth District Supervisor Gary Ovitt today ushered in the expansion of open government in San Bernardino by introducing the new online access to Statements of Economic Interests (California Form 700).

"This allows the public to review statements of economic interests from Board of Supervisors Members and their key staff as well as managers of various County departments" Ovitt said. 'This is part of our effort to make government in our County both open and transparent to the public we serve."

Ovitt went on to say;"the Board in a series of initiatives beginning in October 2005 and followed up by subsequent actions in November 2005 and November 2006, expanded the menu of online services available for review by interested parties."

"We now have online access to Board agendas and fair statements that will allow the public to find information specific to any agenda item voted on by the Board. Along with the Board agendas and fair statements a searchable database of information will be added to expand the amount of information available. As a complement, we have developed a hosted e-mail subscription service that allows visitors to the County Website to receive automatic e-mail updates."

Ovitt added: " We will soon have the Financial Contribution Form 460 online as well as access to County contractor and vendor information." "San Bernardino County is a leader in providing online information for our citizens. We fully intend to expand our effort as technology and time allow us."

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