

NEWS

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Ovitt's Requests Approved in County Budget

San Bernardino- The San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors voted Tuesday to adopt the proposed 2005 – 2006 County Budget, supporting Supervisor Gary Ovitt's requests to provide various funding for the residents of the Fourth District. "The Board's decision to approve this budget is evidence that in San Bernardino County, taxpayers are the top priority," said Ovitt.

Approved funding included additional resources to the Sheriff's Department, such as purchasing additional prison space in the county, new Sheriff's helicopters, continued funding for the County's Anti-Gang initiative, and funding for additional deputies that will patrol the West-End. "Gary Ovitt is a true friend of public safety," stated Chino Hills Sheriff's Captain Rick Carr. "These additional deputies will have a dramatic impact on both the incorporated and unincorporated areas of the district."

Supervisor Ovitt also obtained \$300,000 for the Chino High School Track Replacement Project. "I am privileged to help on such a worthy project," said Supervisor Ovitt. Chino Mayor Dennis Yates stated, "I am very pleased Supervisor Ovitt was able to secure this funding for the Chino Track. It doesn't surprise me however because Gary is a good friend to Chino."

Over \$460,000 for various park improvements at Hoffman, Sunrise, Saratoga, and Sunset Parks in the city of Montclair were also funded. The infrastructure improvements range from shade structures, playground equipment, barbeques, and other projects that will benefit the families of the Fourth District. "Supervisor Ovitt is really looking out for his constituents, these funds will go directly to improving the quality of life for our residents," stated Montclair Mayor Paul Eaton.

Ontario will also be the beneficiary of Supervisor Ovitt's recommendations as several projects located in the city were also funded. Those projects include two Chaffey Joint Union High School District programs and several Ontario/Montclair YMCA projects. "Supervisor Ovitt is returning taxpayer dollars back to the community, just like he said he would," stated Ontario Councilman Jason Anderson. "Instead of over-growing government, Gary is looking out for his constituents."

In addition, the County's budget deferred several items until after the State passes its budget. If adopted, Fourth District libraries will receive an additional \$200,000, additional unincorporated Sheriff Deputies will be funded, and the District Attorney's office will begin an Identity Theft Unit to protect residents against this growing threat. "Once we know what the State plans to do, we'll be able to reappropriate more resources for the district," stated Ovitt. "We need to be fiscally responsible before we approve more appropriations, you never know what the State will do."