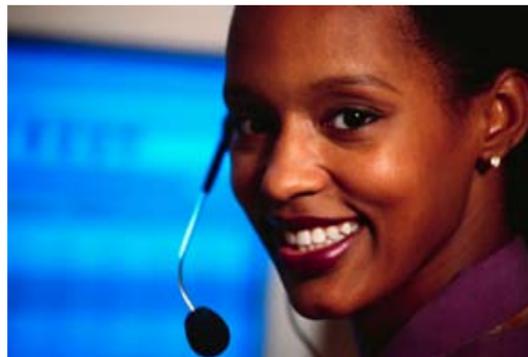


Third District Community Forum

Accessing Your Government



Finding help used to mean calling dozens of phone numbers and navigating a sea of agencies and programs. Now there's an easier way to access information about community, social, health and government services in San Bernardino County.



211 San Bernardino County is:

- A 24/7 Call Center
- Always answered by a live person
- The most comprehensive database of free and low cost health and human services available
- A free and confidential phone call whether dialing 2-1-1 directly, or 888-435-7567
- A joint United Way operation between Inland Empire, Arrowhead, Desert Communities, Mohave Valley, and United Way of the Desert.

Every day, thousands of people find themselves in circumstances where, often for the first time, they need resources that can't be found in the yellow pages or on the internet: low cost burial services, employment, a free or low-cost health clinic, training, free eyeglasses replacement for the elderly, affordable parenting classes or other counseling, legitimate help overcoming temporary financial difficulties, and many more such scenarios. 2-1-1 has the answers.



If you would like to submit a story or event to The Ramos Review, please send an email to SupervisorRamos@sbcounty.gov or call 909.387.4855. Due to limited space, we may not be able to accommodate your request.

San Bernardino Office: 385 N. Arrowhead Ave., Fifth Floor, San Bernardino, CA 92415-0110.



YouthHope holds Open House

The YouthHope Foundation is a non-profit organization in Redlands that provides support services to homeless, runaways, or at-risk of becoming homeless youth ages 14-24. While this organization is based in Redlands, youth come to them from all over the inland empire. Youth Hope started in July of 2009 by Heidi Mayer who noticed a need in the city of Redlands. With her experience working with homeless and at-risk youth in San Francisco, she went to work helping the youth in her community. Services provided by this organization include food, clothing, referrals for job training and education programs, medical and dental appointments and many others. In 2013, YouthHope has provided services to over 900 youth. It is Heidi's hope that she can provide these youth with help in a respectful way which will build their confidence and provide them with hope. Learn more at www.youth-hope.org.

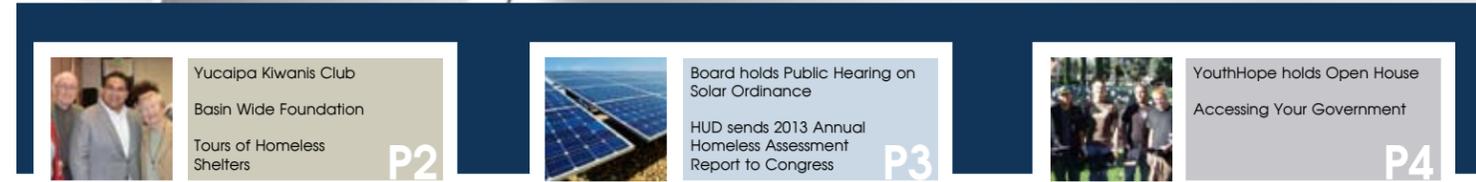
Come visit YouthHope at their new



home located at 1179 W. Redlands Blvd. in Redlands.



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A Year in Review

My first year as your County Supervisor has been one that has brought difficult challenges and great achievements for the Third District and San Bernardino County as a whole. As we approach the one year mark of my time in office, I'd like to reflect on what we have accomplished in just twelve short months.



Upon taking the oath of office, I joined my colleagues in appointing Sheriff John McMahon, who was immediately faced with one of the biggest manhunts in modern day history. Today, we honor all law enforcement officers who gave their lives for our protection and those who were injured during this time.

In an indication of cooperation amongst Board members, the County settled a lawsuit with three public agencies, SANBAG, Caltrans,

and Upland. This settlement showed that the current Board of Supervisors is willing to work together to use taxpayers' money more efficiently toward transportation and flood control projects.

I created a Rail to Redlands Working Group in an effort to bring local business leaders, public officials, and other stakeholders together to discuss the Redlands Passenger Rail Line project. Redlands rail project is unique in that it brings public and private dollars together to promote economic synergy. The partnership of the University of Redlands and ESRI shows the commitment of the area in seeing this project come to fruition.



In the absence of rural land use policies dealing with solar projects in San Bernardino County, Supervisor Lovingood and I advocated to move forward with a moratorium which allowed the County time to develop land use policies surrounding renew-

able energy project and this last month, we adopted an ordinance guiding commercial solar energy projects in our county.

In light of the sequestration at the federal level, our office advocated to bring a day of giving in San Bernardino County. The full Board of Supervisors agreed and we are moving forward with Give BIG San Bernardino County on May 8, 2014. When faced with these devastating cuts from the federal level, the Board of Supervisors came up with options.



As your Third District Supervisor, I look forward to the work we have ahead of us. Please do not hesitate to contact my office with any questions or concerns.



Supervisor Ramos Around the District



Landers Community Clean Up on December 7th



Supervisor Ramos with Cindy Melland and Owen and Audrey Guillick at the Basin Wide Foundation



First 5 San Bernardino presents a check to the Children's Fund

Congratulations to awardee Robert Dotson at the Behavioral Health Holiday Tea and Awards



Family Services Association of Redlands prepares for the holidays



Our House in Redlands offers a safe space for homeless youth



San Bernardino Sheriff Department's Gift of Love



Supervisor Ramos with members of the Yucaipa Valley Kiwanis Club



Progress in the Third District

Deal Made to Save Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area

A deal has been reached on the Johnson Valley OHV area as part of the National Defense Authorization Act of 2013. Under this deal, approximately 100,000 acres of Johnson Valley will be preserved for OHV recreational use. The deal also allows the Marines to expand the Twentynine Palms Marine Base into a portion of Johnson Valley and will end the threat of military expansion into the remaining OHV area.



Supervisor Ramos was pleased with the deal, "This compromise reached on the Johnson Valley OHV recreational area is a well-designed plan that will protect our residents, local economy, and our recreation community while allowing the military to maintain essential training operations. I applaud Congressman Cook for his leadership in the House of Representatives, Senator Dianne Feinstein for her support, and my fellow Board colleagues for standing with them on this critical issue."



Board Adopts Ordinance on Commercial Solar

On December 17th, the Board of Supervisors adopted a proposed ordinance which will guide the process of the development of commercial solar energy generation facilities in San Bernardino County.

The purpose of this ordinance is to establish a process for deciding appropriate locations for solar facilities by protecting our natural resources, neighborhoods and rural residential areas, and also protecting and promoting a vibrant tourism economy.

"I would like to thank the Board, the CEO, Land Use Services and the many community groups who helped to provide input into developing this solar ordinance. It is a significant issue to our desert communities and I am thankful we have given it immediate attention," stated Supervisor Ramos.

A copy of the ordinance can be found on the December 3rd Board agenda at <http://cob-sire.sbcounty.gov/sirepub/>.

HUD sends 2013 Annual Homeless Assessment Report to Congress

Recently, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development sent Congress the first part of its report on homeless in the country. This report details the findings from the 2013 Point in Time Count which was conducted by cities and counties nationwide in order to capture the number of homeless individuals on a single night.

Key findings:

- 610,042 people were homeless representing a 6.1 percent reduction from January 2010
- Veterans homelessness fell by 24.2 percent (or 18,480 persons) since January 2010
- Chronic homelessness among individuals declined by 15.7 percent (or 17,219 persons) since 2010
- Nearly one quarter, or 138,149 of all homeless people were children under the age of 18.

While we have made progress in ending homelessness, the need remains high and therefore, we remain committed to ending homelessness for all. Read the full report at <http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD>.

