



**County Administrative Office**  
**Governmental & Legislative Affairs**

**Josh Candelaria**  
Director

August 4, 2015

Honorable Jimmy Gomez  
Chair, Assembly Appropriations Committee  
State Capitol  
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 321 (Beall) – As Amended on May 27, 2015 – SUPPORT

Dear Assembly Member Gomez:

The County of San Bernardino is pleased to support SB 321. This important measure will make a much needed technical fix to the complex process for setting the gasoline excise tax rate under the gas tax swap, while maintaining revenue neutrality with the former sales tax on gasoline.

As you are aware, the current methodology for forecasting the fuel price component is problematic because it does not take into account historical data, using only projections. SB 321 will use four years of historical data, and change other administrative procedures which is expected to result in a reduction of wide excise tax rate swings, and make transportation budgeting less difficult for local governments.

For these reasons, the County of San Bernardino is pleased to support SB 321 and requests an "Aye" vote. If you have any questions, please contact Josh Candelaria, Director of Governmental and Legislative Affairs at (909) 387-4821 or at [jcandelaria@sbcounty.gov](mailto:jcandelaria@sbcounty.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James Ramos".

JAMES RAMOS  
Board of Supervisors Chairman  
Third District Supervisor  
County of San Bernardino

Cc: The Honorable Jim Beall  
Honorable Members and Consultants, Assembly Appropriations Committee  
County of San Bernardino Legislative Delegation

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