

**Board of Supervisors
County of San Bernardino**

DENNIS HANSBERGER
SUPERVISOR, THIRD DISTRICT



June 26, 2008

The Bank of America Foundation
Neighborhood Excellence Selection Committee

SUBJECT: BANK OF AMERICA FOUNDATION LETTER OF SUPPORT

Dear Members of the Selection Committee:

On behalf of the County of San Bernardino, I am writing to express my support of the Bank of America Neighborhood Builders Grant submitted by the YMCA of the East Valley. The County of San Bernardino considers the YMCA of the East Valley one of the strongest and most important community-building non-profit organizations in the region. The YMCA of the East Valley has been a positive force in the community for well over 120 years. The project they are proposing is greatly needed to ensure that they can meet the increased demand for services in the Redlands/San Bernardino area.

The County of San Bernardino is committed to assisting the YMCA in the successful completion of this endeavor. To that end, we have pledged to assist the YMCA in the completion of grant research, drafting letters of intent and editing grant proposals. We hope you will view our endorsement as an indication of the respect and esteem in which the YMCA of the East Valley is held in this region.

As a public leader familiar with the funding challenges faced by our nonprofits, this type of assistance is critical to the long-term viability of our community-building organizations. This application represents an effort to increase the accessibility level for the community in an effort to keep pace with the growth and changing demographics of the area. Therefore, I request that the YMCA proposal be given your serious consideration.

Respectfully,


DENNIS HANSBERGER
Supervisor, Third District

cc: Beatriz Valdez, Grants Coordinator