

Press Release

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Supervisor Releases Financial Documents on Web Site

Sets precedent in boosting government transparency and accountability

SAN BERNARDINO, CA – With the Board of Supervisors discussing the recommendations of the Grand Jury and specifically its focus on governmental reforms to encourage transparency, it is worth highlighting steps taken internally by Supervisor Neil Derry to provide the public with financial documents pertaining to his office and staff.

The public is now able to review various financial data without having to place a Freedom of Information Act request. Additionally, the information is presented in its entirety including copies of actual receipts with only personal signatures and personal contact information redacted.

The information was first published in early July after internal discussions ahead of the Grand Jury's report.

“Government needs to be proactive in its embrace of transparency,” Supervisor Derry said. **“This is something that I have direct control over and I wanted to demonstrate my personal commitment to open government.”**

Constituents can visit Supervisor Derry's Web site and view a “Transparency in Government” page. The page will direct readers to a link where they can electronically view the financial disclosures of his entire staff, credit card statements and also be directed to the electronic Form 700 Statement of Economic Interest filing for each staff member.

Supervisor Derry believes that the people have a right to know where their money is being spent and recognizes the importance of honoring the commitment he made to the voters when he sought office on an anti-corruption, open government platform.

Supervisor Derry's homepage can be located at: www.sbcounty.gov/bosd3.