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Supervisor Neil Derry Seeks to Terminate County Funded Benefits to State Judges

Calls Lavish Benefit Packages “Unconscionable”

SAN BERNARDINO, CA – Supervisor Neil Derry continued in his effort to alleviate some of the financial impacts the declining economy is having on county residents and employees by proposing to terminate extravagant benefit packages given to state judges at county taxpayer expense.

“It is unconscionable to ask county residents and employees to accept diminished services, furloughs and potential layoffs while simultaneously lavishing judges with a generous county funded benefits package,” stated Supervisor Neil Derry.

The county funded benefits cost taxpayers nearly \$1.5 million annually and provide state judges with benefits on top of their state provided salary and benefits package totaling in excess of \$200,000.

“When we speak of sharing the pain during these economic times, we need to do more than pay it lip service,” Supervisor Derry stated.

The Board of Supervisors failed to take action on Supervisor Derry’s proposal.