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## **Supervisor Derry Proposes Roll Back in Lavish Benefits Packages for Supervisors**

*Fulfills campaign promise made to voters and cites need for greater transparency and accountability in government*

SAN BERNARDINO, CA – Following through on a campaign promise made to his constituents, Supervisor Neil Derry has authored an ordinance that would roll back the lavish and excessive benefits packages given to members of the Board of Supervisors.

**“They were ridiculously excessive then and even more so now in light of our economic and budget situation,”** Supervisor Derry said. **“And the manner in which these benefits were passed was regrettable.”**

In June of 2007, a lavish benefits package approaching \$30,000 was buried within the agenda with a non-descript label and voted upon by the Board with less than a minute of discussion. The benefits included increased county contributions to retirement accounts and an all expenses taxpayer-paid medical plan.

**“If we are going to ask county employees to make sacrifices to balance our budget then the Board of Supervisors must lead by example,”** Supervisor Derry stated.

This is not the first time that Supervisor Derry has attempted to save taxpayers’ dollars by reining in excessive benefits packages. Earlier this year, Supervisor Derry attempted to do away with a \$20,000-county funded benefits package given to state judges in the San Bernardino County Superior Court who already receive \$200,000 a year in salaries and benefits from the State of California.

These benefits cost county taxpayers nearly \$1.5 million a year. Supervisor Derry’s motion did not receive a second from his four colleagues.