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Supervisors Gonzales, Lovingood and Ramos take Oath

SAN BERNARDINO – Supervisors Josie Gonzales, Robert A. Lovingood and James C. Ramos began new four-year terms on the Board of Supervisors following Oath of Office ceremonies at the County Government Center today.

Supervisor Gonzales, who currently serves as Board of Supervisors Chair, will continue to represent the Fifth District, which includes the cities of San Bernardino, Colton, Rialto, Fontana, and the unincorporated communities of Bloomington and Muscoy. Chair Gonzales has been on the board since 2004. She was re-elected in June.

"We now have a board that can communicate, that can discuss, that can disagree, and can arrive at a consensus by which thought has been processed and opinions have been shared and that the conclusion will be of benefit to the people," Chair Gonzales said today.

"Know that we will strive to put away hidden agendas, put away lack of communication, do away with what has so long inhibited and imbedded itself in this county," Chair Gonzales said. "We are at the forefront of a ... changing image that you all can be proud of when you say, 'I live in San Bernardino County. I am proud of my supervisor, I am blessed to have good representation.'"

Supervisor Lovingood represents the First District, which includes the cities of Victorville, Hesperia, Adelanto, Needles, and the Town of Apple Valley, as well as many unincorporated communities, including Wrightwood, Phelan, and Helendale. He was elected to the Board of Supervisors in November.

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"I ran on the idea and the concept that we are going to work on economic development for not only our First District but the entire county," Supervisor Lovingood said.

Supervisor Ramos represents the Third District, which includes the cities of Redlands, Highland, San Bernardino, Grand Terrace, Loma Linda, Yucaipa, Twentynine Palms, Big Bear Lake, Barstow, and the Town of Yucca Valley, as well as the unincorporated communities of Mentone and Pioneertown.

"We are destined to change the way San Bernardino County is viewed," Supervisor Ramos said. "We have to be able to start to work together as a board for the county as a whole. It's no longer one district or another."

Supervisors Gonzales, Lovingood and Ramos join Supervisors Gary Ovitt and Janice Rutherford in leading a dynamic public service organization of more than 19,000 employees working in 39 departments that provide a diverse array of vital public services. Those services include law enforcement, criminal prosecution and defense, fire protection, economic development, aid to the needy, road and flood control construction and maintenance, elections, parks, museums, libraries, airports, and a variety of healthcare services.

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