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Board of Supervisors Save 4-H

Supervisor Neil Derry offers motion to preserve funding of well-known youth program

SAN BERNARDINO, CA – The Board of Supervisors restored \$65,000 for the 4-H program, a decades-old project that has long provided American youth with diverse educational opportunities about the farming and ranching industries and often served as a gateway into veterinarian sciences.

Supervisor Neil Derry made the motion to preserve funding with Supervisor Josie Gonzales seconding the motion.

Administered by the Cooperative State Research Education and Extension Service through the U.S. Department of Agriculture, 4-H focuses on experiential learning programs designed to facilitate the personal development of our youth (head, heart, hands and health). It also instructs students on good citizenship, healthy living and application of science and technology and its application to this field of study.

The county receives \$8 from outside sources for every \$1 it puts into the program.

“It is especially critical that during these very difficult times that our county leverages our assets so that we can soften the blow of our budget cuts,” Supervisor Derry said. **“This is a phenomenal program for our young people and worthy of preserving on its merits alone.”**