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County receives national award for effective budgeting

For the sixth year in a row, the County of San Bernardino has been honored for producing one of the best government budget documents in North America.

The Board of Supervisors has recognized the County's budget staff for receiving the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award from the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada. The award represents a significant achievement by the County of San Bernardino and reflects the county's commitment to meeting the highest principles of governmental budgeting.

To receive the budget award the county had to satisfy nationally recognized guidelines for effective budget presentation. These guidelines are designed to assess how well an entity's budget serves as a policy document, a financial plan, an operations guide, and a communications device.

Budget documents must be rated "proficient" in all four categories to receive the award.

"The Board of Supervisors and county staff work hard each year to create a budget document that not only responsibly allocates the county's assets, but also clearly communicates to the public what we do with their resources," Board of Supervisors Chair Josie Gonzales said. "This award shows we have been successful."

The County of San Bernardino's award-winning budgets can be viewed on the county's website at <http://www.sbcounty.gov/cao/>.

The Government Finance Officers Association is a non-profit professional association serving 16,800 government finance professionals throughout North America. The GFOA's Distinguished Budget Presentation Awards Program is the only national awards program in governmental budgeting.