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Supervisors slated to select new Chairman on Tuesday

The Board of Supervisors at 10 a.m. on Tuesday is scheduled to select a new Chairman and Vice Chairman to lead the Board during the next two years.

The voter-approved County Charter states that the Chairman serves as the Board's general executive agent and exercises general supervision over all County institutions, buildings, and property, and over the official conduct of all County officers.

In practice, the Chairman's most common duties include signing all County contracts, conducting meetings of the Board of Supervisors, and working with the County Administrative Officer to set the Board's agenda.

Second District Supervisor Paul Biane, who is next in line to serve as Chairman and expects to be appointed on Tuesday, looks forward to leading the County in its continuing efforts to maximize public safety, foster economic development and job creation, heighten the public's confidence in County government, and enhance the overall quality of life in San Bernardino County.

"Supervisor Biane has proven his leadership abilities through the various successes the County has experienced during his tenure as Vice Chairman during the past two years. I look forward to a very prosperous two years while he is Chairman," said Fourth District Supervisor Gary Ovitt.

Supervisor Biane also pledges to work diligently toward improving relationships between Board members, healing political rifts, and keeping Board members focused on working together to move the County in a positive direction.

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"More than 2 million residents and 18,000 County employees count on the Board of Supervisors to manage the County's explosive growth and make sure that services are available to ensure the best possible quality of life," Supervisor Biane said.

"We can do this only if we are working together in harmony with a focus on a common purpose. One of my chief priorities as Chairman will be to foster a spirit of cooperation on the Board," Supervisor Biane said.

"I am looking forward to the opportunity for this Board to work together in a positive fashion for the benefit of the whole County," said Third District Supervisor Dennis Hansberger.

Fifth District Supervisor Josie Gonzales said she is looking forward to working with Supervisor Biane to achieve this goal.

"Supervisor Biane has always impressed me as someone with a good heart and a good conscience," Supervisor Gonzales said. "I look forward to working with him to achieve the County's goals and improve the cooperative climate on the Board."

The County of San Bernardino is the largest County in the contiguous United States in terms of area and the fourth largest in California in terms of population. The County's 40 departments provide a wide range of vital public services to residents, visitors, and businesses in the areas of law and justice, fire protection, health care, public health, parks, museums, elections, libraries, airports, economic development, job growth, and aid to children, the elderly, veterans, and the poor.