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Board adopts 2009 state and federal legislative platforms

The San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors today adopted its 2009 State and Federal Legislative Platforms. Based on the principles of fiscal stability, preservation of local control, efficient service delivery and the promotion of inter-agency cooperation, the platforms are an expression of the direction of comprehensive Board policy on a range of issues and needs facing the County of San Bernardino.

The State and Federal legislative platforms, adopted annually, assist the County in navigating through the various legislative components as well as expressing its State and Federal priorities. "These Legislative Platforms, communicated to the California Congressional delegation and State legislature, reflect a variety of concerns voiced by County citizens," said Lance Larson, Director of Legislative Affairs, "they serve as a tool to assist our legislative delegation in advocating public policy priorities to the benefit of the County."

"San Bernardino County continues to seek and promote a positive partnership between our local and State delegations on issues that impact the County." Board of Supervisors Chairman Gary C. Ovitt said today. "It is my desire that we maintain the effective communication and foster the successful resolution of issues that promote health, public safety, increasing the quality of life and government efficiency. With the adoption of the 2009 Legislative Platforms, the Board looks forward to working with our delegation on the issues that impact the County and its residents".

The 2009 State and Federal Legislative Platforms are accessible to the public via the Legislative Affairs Office website, found at <u>www.sbcounty.gov/legislativeaffairs</u>.

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