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## Public invited to participate in selection of new supervisor

The public is invited to attend and participate in Monday's special meeting of the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors, at which the Board will interview and attempt to select a new supervisor to represent the High Desert-based First District.

The meeting will take place on Monday, Jan. 8, at 1 p.m. in the Board chambers on the first floor of the County Government Center at 385 N. Arrowhead Ave. in San Bernardino.

The First District seat on the Board will become vacant just after noon on Monday when current Supervisor Bill Postmus is sworn in as County Assessor. The voter-approved County Charter requires the remaining Board members to fill a supervisory vacancy by appointing a registered voter from the vacant district to serve until the next general election, which in this case will occur in 2008.

Following Postmus' election as assessor, the Board on Nov. 28 adopted a procedure to make the appointment process more transparent than required by the charter by inviting interested individuals to apply for the appointment by submitting letters and resumes, and then having a special meeting to conduct public interviews and receive public comment.

Thirteen First-District residents have applied to be considered by the Board for the appointment. Monday's agenda calls for a period in which anyone from the public can comment on the process or the applicants. Then, each applicant will have an opportunity to make a public presentation and be questioned by Board members. Following that, Board members will deliberate in public and attempt to make a selection. The appointee will be sworn into office immediately following the selection.

The 17,000-square-mile First District includes roughly one-fifth of the County's 2 million residents. It also takes in most of the County's vast desert region, including the cities of Victorville, Hesperia, Adelanto, Barstow, Needles, and Twentynine Palms, the Town of Apple Valley, and many unincorporated communities, including Wrightwood, Phelan, Piñon Hills, Oak Hills, Helendale, Oro Grande, Lucerne Valley, Hinkley, Newberry Springs, and Baker.