

Third District Community Forum

Accessing Your Government

San Bernardino County Flood Control District

The Flood Control functions are handled through the San Bernardino County Flood Control District under State legislation enacted in 1939. The District has developed a very extensive system of facilities, including dams, conservation basins, channels, and storm drains. The purpose of these facilities is to intercept and convey flood flows through and away from the major developed areas of the County.

The principle functions are:

- Flood protection on major streams.

- Water conservation.
- Storm drain construction.

During heavy rains, flooding occurs throughout many regions in San Bernardino County. This can cause major damage to vehicles, roads, and homes. Lives have been lost. Please help us in the effort to protect ourselves and our property from flash floods. Do not drive where water is over the road as flood waters can rise rapidly and sweep a car and its occupants away. Help protect your home by securing free sandbags at any of the locations listed on the link below. http://www.sbcounty.gov/dpw/floodcontrol/pdf/Sandbag_List.pdf



To learn more about what to do in the event of a flood, please visit <http://www.sbcounty.gov/dpw/floodcontrol/>.



Community Highlight

Adopt a Pet: Meet Aloysius

Aloysius is a 5 month old Pit Bull mix. He is fawn in color. He is playful and is in need of a loving home. Aloysius is waiting for you at the Devore Animal Shelter! Just ask to see ID #A611683.

Please note animals shown here may find homes before your visit to our shelters. There are many other animals looking for a new family. To find a new addition to your family, visit http://www.sbcounty.gov/dph/acc/frame_set_adoptable.asp and follow www.facebook.com/HomewardBoundPets/ for updates on available pets!

Devore Animal Shelter, 19777 Shelter Way, San Bernardino, CA 92407
909.386.9820

Hours of Operation:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 10:00 am - 6:30 pm
Wednesday: 10:00 am - 7:00 pm
Saturday and Sunday: 10:00 am - 5:00 pm
24 hour help line **1.800.472.5609**



If you would like to submit a story or event to The Ramos Review, please send an email to SupervisorRamos@sbcounty.gov or call 909.387.4855. Due to limited space, we may not be able to accommodate your request.

San Bernardino Office: 385 N. Arrowhead Ave., Fifth Floor, San Bernardino, CA 92415-0110.



Board approves Proposition 90- In October, the Board of Supervisors helped seniors by adopting Proposition 90 property tax relief for people 55 years and older moving to San Bernardino County. If all the qualifying conditions are met, these individuals can retain the base-year value of an existing home to a newly purchased or constructed home in another county. Supervisor Ramos hopes this encourages more seniors looking to move to choose a home in San Bernardino County.

Food Truck Regulations- On October 21st, the Board of Supervisors approved an ordinance which amended the Development Code related to food truck events. Previously, permits were required for any food truck service, regardless of the number of attendees or location of the event. The ordinance adopted by the Board changed that. Now, only food truck events which are open to the public will require permits. Public events for fewer than 100 individuals would not require a permit.



The County of San Bernardino was the only one in California that didn't allow food trucks to operate without being part of a permitted event. While this ordinance seeks to eliminate some of the burden for food trucks, the Supervisors would like to go one step further. They have directed staff to put together a study on eliminating the event permits altogether.





Give BIG San Bernardino County- On May 8th, the Give BIG San Bernardino County web-a-thon raised a total of \$548,214 from 2,465 individuals making 3,533 donations throughout our county, exceeding the goal of raising \$300,000. These nonprofits offer a variety of services from education to healthcare to recreational activities.

Give BIG is a 24-hour online give day throughout San Bernardino County that raised funds for the local nonprofits that serve our communities. This was our county's first ever dedicated day of giving and this philanthropic effort was meant to build a culture of philanthropy in our community.

Stay tuned for information on Give BIG San Bernardino County 2015!

New Logo for the County of San Bernardino



In September, the Board adopted a new County logo and brand which will be phased in to avoid any costs of switching to the new logo. There is often public confusion about which level of government provides each of the services that they pay for and rely upon. A common visual identity for the County and its departments will make it clear which services are provided by the County and that the Board of Supervisors is ultimately accountable for each of those services.

This common visual identity will also foster greater cooperation between County departments, which will improve the quality and efficiency of services provided to the public.

Synthetic Drug Ordinance- On July 8th, the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved an ordinance making it unlawful for any person to possess any synthetic drug for the purpose of providing, distributing, or selling synthetic drugs.

The ordinance was designed by the San Bernardino County's Sheriff Department to establish what the department calls a multi-pronged approach to eliminate the sales of these substances which have been documented to cause hallucinations, agitation, psychosis, aggression, suicidal and homicidal ideations, cannibalism, and death. Recreational use of these substances, also known as "bath salts", has gained popularity at an alarming rate among high school and college-age individuals as well as among parolees and probationers.

The purpose of this ordinance is to provide the County with the means to address the dangers to the community posed by synthetic drugs that are not regulated by state or federal law. "I am pleased that the Board of Supervisors adopted a strong policy on these dangerous substances," stated Supervisor Ramos. "I hope the community of Barstow takes pride in the fact that their efforts in dealing with these dangerous substances were highlighted at the meeting today."

Sheriff McMahon commended the efforts of the community members who worked closely with the Department in dealing with this issue. "These dedicated community members have been a driving force in garnering awareness of this problem and opening law enforcement's eyes to the extent of possible sales in the county," McMahon said.



SBIAA Vice-President- On July 24th, the San Bernardino International Airport Authority appointed the City of San Bernardino Mayor Carey Davis as President and Supervisor James Ramos as Vice-President. Supervisor Ramos was "honored to take on this leadership role at SBIAA as we continue to move the airport forward as an economic driver in our local economy." For more information on the San Bernardino International Airport Authority, please visit http://www.sbdairport.com/public_mtgs_agenda/default.htm.

IE Federal Technical Assistance Workshop- Senator Feinstein's office held a Technical Assistance Workshop for Riverside and San Bernardino Counties on October 23rd. During this workshop, leaders of local nonprofits were able to meet with federal agencies to ask questions and seek advice on how to be successful in applying for government grants.

Homeless Youth Act of 2014- On September 18th, The San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors issued a letter of support for S. 2653, The Homeless Children and Youth Act of 2014, a bill originated by Senator Dianne Feinstein.

This bipartisan bill will redefine the definition of homelessness used by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to accurately depict and assist homeless youth nationwide. This legislation specifically targets children living in motels and doubled-up in households with acquaintances who are particularly vulnerable to predators because they are hidden from social service providers and have no access to resources or protection.

In San Bernardino County, the County Superintendent of Schools Office reports more than 33,859 students in our schools are homeless including 555 living in hotels and 31,354 with relatives or friends. However, the 2013 HUD Point in Time Count only documented 2,321 homeless individuals, including just 161 children, living

in shelters or receiving motel vouchers in our county. The alignment of definitions will serve to eliminate conflicting federal agency regulations and close the gap between disparate and inaccurate homeless youth counts.

Supervisor Ramos, who chairs the Homeless Youth Ad-hoc Committee under the Interagency Council on Homelessness, was pleased Senator Feinstein took an interest in this issue and requested input from our county.

"I'd like to thank Senator Feinstein for her efforts in protecting our most vulnerable children and youth and for involving our county in the legislative process. I'd like to thank my colleagues for their commitment to working on the issue here at the local level," Supervisor Ramos commented. "By working together, we can provide every child with the opportunity for a bright, healthy, and successful future."



Coffee with the Supervisor Events Held in 2014

