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Supervisor Rutherford Statement on Selection of Chairwoman Gonzales

SAN BERNARDINO – Second District Supervisor Janice Rutherford issued the following statement on Tuesday regarding the selection of Fifth District Supervisor Josie Gonzales to serve as Chairwoman of the Board of Supervisors.


“My decision to support Chairwoman Gonzales is based on a 40-year Board policy and best practice that provides for an orderly and equitable rotation of the chairmanship. The policy clearly states that each member should be given the opportunity to serve as the chairperson unless they do not desire to assume that responsibility, and Chairwoman Gonzales has assured me she is ready, willing, and able to fill this leadership role.

“Veering from long-standing County policy on this matter would foster divisiveness and partisanship on the Board of Supervisors. Those are attributes my colleagues and I can do without as we work together to move San Bernardino County in a positive direction.

“I am optimistic that during Chairwoman Gonzales’ term, and with Vice Chairman Mitzelfelt’s support, we can focus the energy of this County on overcoming the challenges presented by the economy and harsh state budget circumstances.”

Second District Supervisor Rutherford represents the cities of Fontana, Rancho Cucamonga and Upland as well as the unincorporated communities of Crestline, San Antonio Heights, Lytle Creek, Devore, and Mt. Baldy.

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SUBJECT SELECTION OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS		APPROVED <p style="text-align: center;"><i>DENNIS HANSBERGER</i></p> CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
<p><u>POLICY STATEMENT</u></p> <p>The policy of the Board of Supervisors of San Bernardino County is to rotate the office of Chairman every two years and no chairman shall serve for two such terms in succession.</p> <p><u>POLICY AMPLIFICATION</u></p> <p>To serve as Chairman of the Board of Supervisors is not only a distinct honor and privilege but also an opportunity for a member of the Board to learn more about the overall operation of County government. It is, therefore, the intention of this policy to give each member of the Board the opportunity to serve as chairman.</p> <p>The selection of nominees for the position of Chairman shall be on the basis of seniority of members who have not served as Chairman, provided that nominees have served as members of the Board for a minimum of two years prior to their nomination. A member of the Board may refuse to serve as Chairman, in which case the nomination shall go to the next so-qualified member.</p> <p>ADOPTED: February 14, 1961 AMENDED: December 7, 1970</p>		