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EVENT: **COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CHAIRMAN LEON WILLIAMS WILL TESTIFY BEFORE THE HOUSE WAYS AND MEANS SUBCOMMITTEE HEARING ON HUMAN RESOURCES. SUBCOMMITTEE ACTING CHAIRMAN: HON. THOMAS J. DOWNEY (D-NY). SUBJECT OF TESTIMONY: SUCCESSFUL WELFARE REFORM WORK PROGRAMS IN SAN DIEGO COUNTY AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FAMILY SUPPORT ACT.**

WHEN: **MONDAY, MARCH 26, 1990, at 10:00 A.M.**

WHERE: BOARD CHAMBERS - ROOM 310
COUNTY ADMINISTRATION CENTER
1600 PACIFIC HIGHWAY

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BACKGROUND:

In his "State of the County Address" last January, Chairman Williams praised the County's GAIN program (Greater Avenues for Independence) as a program which has received nationwide attention and been adopted by the state and federal governments. "

"The Gain program is a model for including people who otherwise would continue to be excluded from full participation in our society," said Williams. "Through its education, job search and job training components and the crucial support services such as childcare and transportation, it provides a breakthrough path leading people towards self-sufficiency."

Williams added that it also is a model program in terms of coorperative arrangements among agencies to address issues that cannot be resolved by any one group alone.

San Diego County is a recognized leader in the development of welfare reform work programs since 1979. In announcing the hearing, Subcommittee Chairman Downey said, "The State of California and the City [sic - it is a County program] of San Diego have been leaders in welfare reform, particularly in the design of work programs for welfare recipients."

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National demonstration projects in San Diego County include: Food Stamp Workfare Project, Employment Preparation Program, Saturation Work Initiative Model, GAIN: Greater Avenues for Independence, and JOBS: Job Opportunities and Basic Skills.

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