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Hello, I'm Leon Williams, Chairman of the San Diego County Board of Supervisors.

Did you know that this County of San Diego was established by the State legislature in 1850 as one of the original 27 counties? It had over 40,000 square miles with a population of 798. Today S.D. covers about 4,250 square miles, almost the size of Connecticut, and our population has swelled to 2.4 million.

County government provides a vast array of services for San Diegans which are vital to us daily. The County is responsible for the municipal and superior courts, the sheriff's and marshal's departments, the county assessor and tax collector -- as well as health and social services. The County Public health

services must enforce all ordinances to protect the public health and sanitation. Physical health services operates facilities such as Edgemoor Hospital and Emergency Medical Services. Other health services include: mental health, alcohol and drug services, and environmental health.

The Department of Social Services offers programs to assist the indigent, disabled and elderly. Major components to this program are adult social services, child protective services, the Community Action Partnership, Aid to Families with Dependent Children (or, AFDC), Foster Care, General Relief, Refugee Assistance, Medi-Cal, and the Area Agency on Aging.

The County administers a wide range of community services which touch all our lives -- such as the county library system, air pollution control, housing and community development, animal control, parks and recreation, planning and land use, fish and game, public works, and the registrar of voters.

In order to run these programs, the County employs about 16,000 people, one of San Diego's largest employers.

The Chief Administrative Officer is responsible for the overall administration of County programs and services. HE IS EMPLOYED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, 5 PEOPLE WHO ARE ELECTED.

I am a member of the Board of Supervisors. We each are elected by PEOPLE WHO LIVE WITHIN A "DISTRICT" -- AN AREA OF THE COUNTY. [HAND OUT DISTRICT MAPS.]

THIS IS MY DISTRICT - IT INCLUDES MOST OF THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO.

The Board of Supervisors is the legislative and executive authority of the County. It enacts ordinances and resolutions (LAWS) which, in some cases, apply to the entire region, and in other cases apply only to the unincorporated areas. (EXPLAIN WHEN IT DOES/DOES NOT APPLY TO CITIES.)

The Board adopts an annual budget, and has more than 100 advisory boards and commissions such as the Mental Health Advisory Board and the Human Relations Commission to advise and assist in the administration of County government.

WE FORM PARTNERSHIPS ALL THE TIME -- PARTNERSHIPS WITH THE CITIES INCLUDED IN THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO, PARTNERSHIPS WITH OTHER COUNTIES SOMETIMES, AND PARTNERSHIPS WITH PRIVATE INDUSTRY TO HELP IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR ALL OF US. (EXAMPLE: 47TH ST. TROLLEY DAY CARE CENTER.)

It is important that we all understand that our ability to provide services to you is dependent upon the availability of funds. The Board of Supervisors will continue efforts to ensure San Diego County's fair share of State and Federal funding.