

**HOMESTEAD VALLEY  
COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

*“One voice for the people of Homestead Valley”*

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Dear Supervisor,

The Office of Third District Supervisor Neil Derry has proposed the establishment of an independent ethics commission, fulfilling a campaign promise and very judiciously responding to the Grand Jury's report recommending more transparency in the County government process.

Supervisor Derry also proposes a “Sunshine Ordinance” that would eliminate the frivolous use of deliberative process to deny disclosure of public documents requested through the California Public Records Act.

The Homestead Valley Community Council applauds Supervisor Derry for taking the initiative and beginning the deliberative process for these new policies. This is an extraordinary opportunity for our County, the nation's largest, to raise the bar and set an example of open and transparent government for all districts, towns, and other counties across the 50 states.

We urge that you and other Supervisors endorse and fund the Ethics Commission and the Sunshine Ordinance proposals. These policies will promote the trust of your constituents, and will go far to improve the image of San Bernardino County throughout the State and the Nation.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Harvey



President,  
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