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Public Employee Union Announces Candidate Endorsement

San Bernardino - The San Bernardino Public Employees Association (SBPEA) has announced its endorsement of James Ramos for election to the Board of Supervisors.

Ramos is a proven civic leader and has served on numerous boards and organizations promoting business, economic and social opportunities in the greater San Bernardino area. He is a member since 2005, of the San Bernardino Community College Board of Trustees, where he is the past president and the first Native American to be elected to that board.

“We believe James Ramos can instill a renewed pride among county employees and he has pledged to treat our members fairly, honestly, with dignity and respect. This is important to our 16,000 members who believe the County of San Bernardino is a great place to work,” said SBPEA President Paula Ready.

The strong endorsement by the organization’s Board of Directors on June 14th is considered a key endorsement for Ramos, who announced he will seek election to the Third District seat in 2012.

“We hope to have a unified Board of Supervisors that is moving San Bernardino County forward as a team,” Ready added. “This does not mean they agree on every issue. It does mean they communicate and discuss their differences

openly and honestly and accept input from all stakeholders.”

Ramos said he was proud to have the full faith and confidence of city and county employees behind him as he begins his election bid.

He also said that he agreed the current Board of Supervisors needs to work together as a team, all pulling together in the same direction and all available to vote on the important matters before them.

“Mr. Ramos has a vision for the county that will allow us to regain momentum on the issues that matter most to county residents and employees,” Bob Blough, SBPEA’s General Manager said. “Our taxpayers will be able to see the results.”

The San Bernardino Public Employees Association (SBPEA) represents over 16,000 public employees in 28 Cities, Special Districts, and the County of San Bernardino and is one of the largest independent unions in California exclusively representing public employees.

As part of that representation, SBPEA supports candidates for elective office that support our member’s efforts to serve the public.