

## Third District Community Forum

### Accessing Your Government

Sophisticated and resourceful transportation has a new name: Omnitrans sbX E Street Corridor Bus Rapid Transit. This innovative first-of-its-kind express service will soon be available this upcoming year as training and system testing are currently underway. This new service includes 16 stations at key university, business, entertainment and medical centers, as well as park-and-ride facilities for commuters on the go.



Benefits of sbX:

- Reduce vehicle congestion.
- 14 Compressed Natural Gas (CNG), 60-foot articulated buses.
- 4 Park & Rides – Palm Avenue, Marshall Boulevard, Rialto Avenue, and Anderson Street.
- 10-minute headways during peak hours; 15-minutes off-peak hours.
- Station shelters to protect riders from wind, sun and rain.
- Wheelchair accessible boarding platforms.
- Interior bike racks.

The Omnitrans sbX will travel a 15.7-mile corridor that spans between northern San Bernardino and Loma Linda. Emergency telephones and digital message boards with arrival/departure times will be readily available at the stations. Each station will have a unique art display embedded into its design to reflect the historical, botanical, entertainment and patriotic themes of the communities of San Bernardino and Loma Linda.

To learn more, please visit: <http://www.estreet-sbx.com/index.html> or call Toll Free: (855) 729-6397



### “Hometown Hero”

A hero is a man or a woman who sees a need and chooses to act and do what he or she can to provide assistance. I believe Peggy Stapleton, 89.7 Family Friendly KSGN Radio Account Executive is such a person who is here to do something that will make a positive difference in the lives of those around her.



in various worthwhile endeavors that aim to make our community a better place to live, work and raise a family. Three years ago, Peggy observed young girls getting into cars being driven by adult men on Baseline Avenue. Her investigation revealed that human trafficking of young girls existed in America and was in fact happening in her own backyard. Her discovery made her sick but she was determined to do something to help these girls.

Peggy stepped up and began to help the young girls by first joining the Coalition Against Sexual Exploitation (CASE), an organization dedicated to rescuing these young girls by providing the resources to get them

off the streets and on the path to a better life. Through the suggestion of a pastor, Christians Actively Demolishing Exploitation (CADE) was birthed. CADE reached out for help to church attending women and began training thousands of them for street ministry with the aim of empowering girls with knowledge about tools and resources that can help set them free from the chains of sexual exploitation. These women are helping to open a door of hope for these young victims.

For additional information, please visit [Cadetogether.com](http://Cadetogether.com)

Compassion for those in need is what helps motivate Peggy to get involved

If you would like to submit a story or event to The Ramos Review, please send an email to [SupervisorRamos@sbcounty.gov](mailto:SupervisorRamos@sbcounty.gov) or call 909.387.4855. Due to limited space, we may not be able to accommodate your request.



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### I.E. Capaciteria Website Launches

The San Bernardino County Capacity Building Consortium, the Funders Alliance of Riverside & San Bernardino Counties, and the United Ways of San Bernardino and Riverside Counties have launched an online nonprofit resource directory with the goal of connecting professionals, volunteers, and

organizations to resources to strengthen the Inland Empire’s nonprofit sector.

In 2010, there were 5,642 nonprofit organizations in the County, providing jobs for 48,792 people which is approximately 6% of all workers in the County. While our nonprofits provide

invaluable services in our community, our nonprofits strain to provide these services under strict budgetary conditions.

The San Bernardino County Capacity Building Consortium is a partnership of organizations and networks that provide funding, services, training, or technical assistance for nonprofit organizations in San Bernardino County to become more effective, responsive, innovative and sustainable.

Inland Empire Capaciteria is a website designed to provide a centralized hub for nonprofit resources throughout the Inland Empire. Here you will find information on upcoming trainings, job listings, a consultant directory, and many other resources. If you work for a nonprofit, please utilize this website as a resource for strengthening your capacity to serve this community.

Learn more at [www.iecapaciteria.org](http://www.iecapaciteria.org).





## Supervisor Ramos Around the District

### SANBAG Port of Long Beach Tour

Supervisor Ramos had the opportunity to tour the Port of Long Beach with the San Bernardino Associated Governments (SANBAG). They were able to witness the multi-modal goods movement from ships to trains to trucks. Infrastructure is in place at the point of origin to facilitate the delivery of products throughout California and the rest of the United States. Supervisor Ramos found the tour very informative and eye-opening!



Make sure to check out my newly redesigned website for more information on events throughout the County, latest news, and additional resources.

<http://www.sbcounty.gov/bosd3/default.aspx>



### Celebrating and Honoring the Dream of Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

*"Human progress is neither automatic nor inevitable... Every step toward the goal of justice requires sacrifice, suffering, and struggle; the tireless exertions and passionate concern of dedicated individuals."*

-Martin Luther King Jr.

### I-215 Widening Project



Approximately 8,300 direct and indirect jobs created

From 6 to 10 Freeway Lanes, 15 Bridges reconstructed, 34 ramps built, and 1 carpool lane in each direction

The completion ceremony for the I-215 Widening Project signifies the end of construction on the 7.5 mile corridor through San Bernardino and marks the beginning of a more efficient, safer and aesthetically pleasing drive for decades to come. This newly widened freeway will improve the quality of life for our residents by providing an enhanced thoroughfare for motorists and freight to move not only throughout our county but through the greater Southern California region and across the nation. This project has brought San Bernardino together from east to west. The I-215 Widening Project sets the stage for economic growth and rejuvenates the community which has been separated for far too long. It's a great day in San Bernardino!

## Progress in the Third District

### First 5 San Bernardino Local Evaluation Brief

First 5 published its local evaluation brief this month on programs impacts over the last year. With 20.4% of County residents living below the poverty line, First 5 strives to ensure families are self-sustaining with access to resources necessary to meet their family's social, emotional and economic needs.

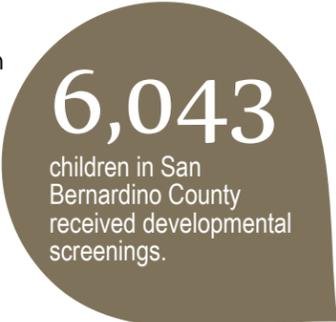
Only 39% of 3-and 4-year-olds in the County attend preschool, compared to 49% statewide. Lack of preschool attendance puts children at a disadvantage as they enter kindergarten. First 5 San Bernardino addresses this need through programs targeting providers, children and parents to ensure every child enters kindergarten ready to learn.

Although nearly 25% of children under the age of five are at risk for developmental delays, more than 20% of children do not receive a developmental screening. In 2012, First 5 San Bernardino launched the Universal Screening Initiative to ensure every child in the County is screened and connected to appropriate services in their first five years.

To read the full report, visit [www.first5sanbernardino.org](http://www.first5sanbernardino.org).

### Supervisor Ramos Named Vice Chair of SANBAG Commuter Rail and Transit Committee

Supervisor Ramos was unanimously voted Vice Chair of the SANBAG Commuter Rail and Transit Committee during its monthly meeting. San Bernardino Associated Governments (SANBAG) is the council of governments and transportation planning agency for the county. The Commuter Rail and Transit Committee provides guidance and policy recommendations regarding commuter rail and transit services throughout San Bernardino County to the SANBAG Board of Directors.



### Rail to Redlands Presentation

Larry Sharp, member of Inland Action and the Rail to Redlands Working Group, gave a presentation to the Redlands Kiwanis Club about the Redlands Passenger Rail Line Project. Thank you Larry for your help in spreading the word about this exciting project!



### Walk Against Human Trafficking

The San Bernardino County Coalition Against Sexual Exploitation (C.A.S.E.) held its Fourth Annual County of San Bernardino Coalition Against Sexual Exploitation Anti-Human Trafficking Awareness Walk on Saturday, January 11th. Thank you to everyone who participated in bringing awareness to this important issue in our county!

