

NEWS

From Supervisor Gary Ovitt

Fourth District, San Bernardino County

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STATEMENT FROM SUPERVISOR GARY OVITT

After consulting with the CAO and County Counsel, I have decided that I will not participate in a closed session decision on whether to waive the right of privilege regarding the Colonies lawsuit.

Hearing all the facts and legal opinions, I have come to the decision that although it can be debated as to whether or not an actual legal conflict exists, what cannot be debated is the perception and detrimental effect my involvement could have on the County as a whole.

My entire life I have strived to do what is right and ethical. Since being elected to the Board of Supervisors I have worked very hard to fight the very appearance of impropriety. This decision is no different. I want to help the County move past this time of negative perception, even if that means I'm not involved in every decision I was elected to make.