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Supervisor Joe Baca, Jr. Secures \$45 Million Funding to Replace the Outdated Devore Animal Shelter

San Bernardino County, CA.- On June 14th, the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors unanimously passed an \$8.6 Billion County budget for the fiscal year that begins on July 1st, 2022. Supervisor Joe Baca, Jr. was able to secure \$45 million in funding to replace the outdated Devore animal shelter. The new shelter will be built in Bloomington, California at the site of the old Ayala Park. The timeline for completion of this shelter will take between 3-5 years, with additional funding to be used for improvements to the Devore Shelter to continue its use as an emergency shelter and field operations office.

"Securing this funding for our county-owned animal shelters was an important goal of mine I came into office. The replacement of the Devore Animal Shelter will help in continuing to save and shelter as many animals as we possibly can. Keeping Devore Animal shelter open and using additional funding to continue its use as an Emergency Shelter and field operations office will alleviate the overcrowding at other shelters when it finally opens. In addition, this may also provide us with the opportunity to work with other communities for services. Creating an animal shelter environment that is more convenient and family friendly to adopt our furry friends is my ultimate goal." -Supervisor Joe Baca, Jr.