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DATE: July 30, 2021

### **SENATE MAJORITY LEADER BOB HERTZBERG SECURES \$2 MILLION FOR CITY OF SAN FERNANDO POLICE DEPARTMENT INTEROPERABLE PUBLIC SAFETY RADIO SYSTEM AND KEY PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES**

**WHO/WHAT:** Senate Majority Leader Bob Hertzberg will hold a check presentation with San Fernando City Council, Chief Anthony Vairo, and Lieutenant Irwin Rosenberg to discuss funding allocated for the San Fernando Police Department's new radio system and body cameras. See attached Press Release from Senate Majority Leader Hertzberg's Office.

**WHEN:** Friday, July 30, 2021

**TIME:** 4:30 pm

**WHERE:** San Fernando Police Department  
910 First Street, San Fernando, CA 91340

**NOTE:** This event is open to the public.

#### **About Senate Majority Leader Bob Hertzberg**

Senate Majority Leader Robert Hertzberg was first elected to the California State Assembly in 1996. He then served as the 64<sup>th</sup> Speaker of the California State Assembly, unanimously elected by both parties in 2000 and 2001.

After his tenure as Speaker, Hertzberg set out to the private sector as a clean energy entrepreneur and in 2014, he returned to state government when he was again elected to represent nearly 1 million people in the San Fernando Valley in the California State Senate. This made Hertzberg one of only six lawmakers in California history to serve as Assembly Speaker and subsequently win a seat in the Senate, where he now serves as Majority Leader.

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#### **About the City of San Fernando**

Incorporated in 1911 and nestled at the foothills of the San Gabriel Mountains, San Fernando has a population of approximately 25,000, and is a diverse, family-oriented community of about 2.4 square miles. The City of San Fernando is a full-service General Law City with in-house Police, Public Works, Finance, Community Development, Recreation and Community Services, City Clerk and Administration departments. The City contracts for fire services with the City of Los Angeles and is governed by a five-member City Council who serves four-year terms, with a Mayor appointed every year, on a rotating basis, by a majority vote of the City Council



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## **\$2 Million to the City of San Fernando for Public Safety Radios and Body Cameras**

*A Check Presentation with Senator Hertzberg, Anthony Vairo, Chief, Lt. Irwin Rosenberg, and City Council*

SAN FERNANDO – Senate Majority Leader Bob Hertzberg (D-Van Nuys) will hold a Check Presentation this Friday, July 30th, at 4:30 PM with Chief Anthony Vairo, Lt. Irwin Rosenberg and City Council at the San Fernando Police Station located at 910 1<sup>st</sup> St. to discuss funding allocated for the San Fernando Police Department’s new radio system and body cameras.

With the legislature’s approval of the state budget comes approved funding for vital Valley programs, including \$2 million awarded to the San Fernando Police Department to maintain an interoperable public safety radio system and purchase body cameras.

The COVID-19 crisis exacerbated long-standing problems with the City of San Fernando’s analog police radio system in a time when coordination among first responders has been more important than ever. The antiquated system was unable to provide reliable communication between the San Fernando Police Department and key public safety agencies like the Los Angeles County Sheriff Department and the Los Angeles Police Department in the event of a major incident, natural or manmade disaster. Meanwhile, direct contact between the San Fernando Police Department’s analog radio system and the Los Angeles Fire Department’ digital radio system was impossible.

The City set out to provide the police department with a new radio system, but given limited resources, the City only had the funds to cover the cost of the upgrade for one year. The \$2 million in funding from the General Fund approved by the State Legislature will allow the City of San Fernando to maintain the upgrade to 9-1-1 communications center radios, mobile field units and handheld units for all public safety field personnel for an additional two years, as well as purchase body cameras.

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