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## Press Release

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## Supervisors find funds for extra Bay Point deputy

MARTINEZ (March 3, 2009) – Looking high and low for the past six months, the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors found the money to pay for another resident deputy for Bay Point and passed an ordinance today allowing P-6 Zone funds for that use.

The Keller Canyon Landfill Mitigation Funds usually is the financial source paying for two resident deputies in Bay Point. However, because of rising salaries and benefits, the sum was enough to pay for only a single deputy this year, according to Supervisor Federal Glover, who represents Bay Point.

A resident deputy helps the community policing concept by being permanently assigned to the community of 23,000 residents and is supplemented by 18 other deputies whose assignments may vary.

"There was great concern in Bay Point about the loss of that deputy," said Glover, "so we had to be more creative in finding funding."

With the help of Sheriff Warren Rupf, the county decided to take another look at the P-6 funds assessed in unincorporated jurisdictions such as Bay Point. Money raised through P-6 zones has historically been limited to use in the zones where it originated.

A new legal opinion by County Counsel interpreted the 1983 ordinance more broadly to mean that benefits to the entire county is also a benefit to originating district thus allowing the use of the funds to pay for a resident deputy.

The current projection of P-6 zone revenues for Fiscal Year 2009/2010 in the Bay Point community is \$147,181. The balance of the funding required for this program will come from accumulated Bay Point P-6 zone funds.

"The Bay Point MAC appreciates the support of Supervisor Glover in ensuring police protection services for our community," said Vicki Zumwalt, chair of the Bay Point Municipal Advisory Council. "It will improve the quality of life and safety of our residents."