

## **Rutherford best for 2nd District**

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Janice Rutherford is the best choice for the 2nd District seat on San Bernardino County's Board of Supervisors.

We endorsed Rutherford in the June primary, when she and four others challenged incumbent Supervisor Paul Biane.

We noted then, and reaffirm now, our confidence in Rutherford, who's already proven herself an intelligent and dedicated public servant.

Her opponent, Biane, remains entangled in the ongoing investigation into corruption in San Bernardino County and has been identified as an unindicted co-conspirator in what prosecutors contend was a massive conspiracy to steal from taxpayers.

While we do not assume Biane is guilty of any legal wrongdoing, we cannot overlook the fact that his tenure on the Board of Supervisors has been fraught with scandal, and we question his ability to restore credibility to county government.

If San Bernardino County is to move forward, change is needed.

And change is precisely what Rutherford promises.

We believe she can deliver it.

As a member of the Fontana City Council, Rutherford is part of the team responsible for the city's impressive transformation over the past decade. The city has outgrown its supporting role and is now one of the leaders in the Inland Empire.

Rutherford has a strong record of accomplishments and promises to fight for accountability and transparency in county government.

While such vows are most welcome and certainly needed, her practical focus on balanced budgets and job growth is equally important, especially in these difficult economic times.

We are also impressed by Rutherford's clear and selfless commitment to public service, as demonstrated by her efforts to establish a community assistance program in Fontana and her work with the Boys & Girls Club.

We urge 2nd District voters to choose Rutherford for Board of Supervisors on Nov. 2.