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SUPERVISOR ARMENDAREZ ANNOUNCES THE BEAUTIFICATION OF THE SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY MUSEUM'S MARIA MERCED WILLIAMS AND JOHN RAINS HOUSE

Rancho Cucamonga, CA – Today, during the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors meeting, County Supervisor Jesse Armendarez announced the completion of beautification at the Maria Merced Williams and John Rains National Historical House in Rancho Cucamonga.

Armendarez stated, "The historical house is a branch of the San Bernardino County Museum which provides historical education for students in our community. Investing into educational programs such as this will allow families within our county an opportunity to learn more about our local history."

The Maria Merced Williams and John Rains National Historical House was completed in 1861 and added as a historical landmark in 1973 once it was transferred to San Bernardino County. The house was constructed of bricks from local red clay and utilized an innovative cooling system during its construction.

"While the county museum is in Redlands, we take pride in having this home which serves as a branch within our communities in Rancho Cucamonga."

The upgrades were completed with \$500,000 in discretionary funding allocated by Supervisor Armendarez and approved by the Board of Supervisors during their publicly scheduled February 7, 2023 meeting. Capital improvements included new uplifts throughout the facility and making it more accessible for individuals with disabilities.

Individuals interested in visiting are recommended to visit <u>www.museum.sbcounty.gov</u> to confirm availability.

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County Supervisor Jesse Armendarez was elected to represent the Second District on the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors in November 2022 and began his term January 2, 2023. Supervisor Armendarez prioritizes safe neighborhoods, homelessness, mental health, housing, and infrastructure. He is a former Fontana City Councilmember and Fontana Unified School District Board Member.

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