



June 6, 2008

Michael J. Rubio
Supervisor, 5th District
Board of Supervisors
1115 Truxtun Ave., Room 505
Bakersfield, CA 93301

Dear Michael J. Rubio:

Congratulations! I am pleased to announce that your county has been awarded a 2008 NACo Achievement Award for the program entitled, *Gang Violence Strategic Plan*. In this 39th year of the Achievement Award program, NACo is extremely pleased with the high caliber of county programs and projects. NACo is proud to confer this award and recognize your county's hard work to promote quality and efficiency and responsible and responsive county government management and administration.

NACo greatly appreciates Kern County's participation in this year's Achievement Award program. In addition to giving us an opportunity to formally recognize effective and creative programs, this program enhances our awareness of county activities and allows us to share valuable information with other counties across the nation.

As you may know, NACo recognizes award winners in several ways. A list of winning programs will be available via NACo's website at <http://www.naco.org>. Summaries of award-winning programs will be included in our Model Programs database which can be accessed from NACo's home page. There is a direct link to Model Programs. In addition, over the next several months, selections of award winning programs will be highlighted in a NACo *County News, Focus on Achievement* column.

We also offer a variety of commemorative items to reward yourself and other employees and to celebrate the county's winning efforts. A website has been created for Achievement Award winners at www.easttwest.com. Please click on the NACo wave for access to the store.

This year, NACo will host the 12th Annual Awards Ceremony during our 2008 Annual Conference in Kansas City, Missouri. This reception is scheduled for Sunday, July 13, 2008, 3:30 pm – 5:00 pm in Room 3501 G/H of the Kansas City Convention Center, 301 West 13th Street. During this ceremony, Achievement Award winners will be collectively recognized and there will be an opportunity for you or your representative to have a photo taken with a NACo official. We hope you will be able to attend. Enclosed is your official invitation to the reception. Please RSVP to Adam Morgan at 202.661.8801 or email at amorgan@naco.org by June 30, if you plan to join us.

Questions concerning the award program may be directed to Deseree Gardner, research associate or Jacqueline Byers, director of research at 202.942.4228 or 202.942.4285, respectively.

Congratulations on your county's accomplishment!

Sincerely,

Larry Naake
Executive Director

Enclosures