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## **Equal Rights Award Winners Announced** in Stanislaus County

Stanislaus County, CA - Each year the Stanislaus County Equal Rights Commission recognizes one or more Stanislaus County employees for their outstanding commitment or achievement in furthering the County's Equal Rights Program. The Commission met on August 19, 2009 to consider nominees for the 2009 Equal Rights Award and voted to accept the nominations of Ramon Bawanan, Human Resources Manager, District Attorney's Office and Brandi Welsh, Management Consultant, Chief Executive Office.

The Stanislaus County Equal Rights Commission will also be honoring retired Stanislaus County employee Dale Butler for achievements in equal rights and the naming of the award.

The Stanislaus County Equal Rights Commission will recognize Ms. Welsh, Mr. Butler and Mr. Bawanan, for their outstanding achievements in promoting the County's Equal Rights Program. The ceremony will take place in the Stanislaus County Board Chambers located at 1010 10<sup>th</sup> Street in Modesto on Wednesday, October 21, 2009 at 3:00 p.m.

The County's Equal Rights Commission is a seven-member Community-based body that is appointed by the Board of Supervisors. It serves as a resource to the Board of Supervisors and County staff for equal rights improvements in county service. The commission holds public meetings the third Wednesday of every other month at 3:30 p.m. The next meeting will be held on December 16, 2009. The commission is currently comprised of Leslie Beggs, Dionicio Cruz, George Sharp, and Jeremiah Williams. There are currently three vacancies. If you are interested in becoming a Commission member please contact Suzi Seibert with the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors at 209-525-4494 or visit our website at www.stancounty.com and click on Board of Supervisors, Boards and Commissions for more information.