

Domain 1: County and City Governments

“Shaping a Healthy Future” Award- Jake Halsey from Bernardo Elementary School

When Jake was in 5th grade last year, he ran for class president on the platform to address the potentially hazardous traffic conditions at Bernardo Elementary School. It took quite a bit for him to get people’s attention and it was Supervisor Pam Slater-Price who responded. After touring the Bernardo Elementary School campus and observing the after-school rush, Supervisor Slater-Price organized a meeting of school officials and staff from the County’s Department of Public Works. What resulted was a marked crosswalk and a stop sign installed at a critical intersection.

This is an example of how one person, no matter how young, can speak up and make a difference. His efforts made for a more walkable school community and he was featured on KUSI TV and in Supervisor Slater-Price’s newsletter. Jake also won his bid for class president!