

**RIVERSIDE COUNTY
COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS PARTNERSHIP
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
(Amended)**

DOWNTOWN LAW BUILDING
3960 ORANGE STREET, 5TH FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM, RIVERSIDE

AUGUST 30, 2011, 10:00 A.M.

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER – ALAN M. CROGAN
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – AUGUST 2, 2011
3. OLD BUSINESS:
 - A) CCPEC GUIDELINES UPDATE – COUNTY COUNSEL
4. NEW BUSINESS:
 - A) LAW ENFORCEMENT COMPONENT – PAT WILLIAMS
4. AB 109 IMPLEMENTATION STATUS REPORTS:
 - A) PROBATION
 - B) COURTS
 - C) SHERIFF
 - D) DISTRICT ATTORNEY
 - E) PUBLIC DEFENDER
 - F) MENTAL HEALTH
 - G) CHIEF OF POLICE
5. PUBLIC COMMENTS
6. NEXT MEETING: TO BE DETERMINED

In accordance with State Law (Brown Act):

- *The meetings of the CCP Executive Committee are open to the public. The public may address the Committee within the subject matter jurisdiction of this committee.*
- *Disabled persons may request disability-related accommodations in order to address the CCP Executive Committee. Reasonable accommodations can be made to assist disabled persons if requested 24-hours prior to the meeting by contacting Riverside County Probation Department at (951) 955-2814.*
- *The public may review open session materials at Probation Administration, 3960 Orange St., 6th Floor, Riverside, CA.*

**RIVERSIDE COUNTY
COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS PARTNERSHIP
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

August 2, 2011 - 10:00 a.m.
Downtown Law Building, 3960 Orange Street, 5th Floor, Riverside

MINUTES

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT

Alan M. Crogan, Chief Probation Officer, Chairman
Sherrill Ellsworth, Presiding Judge, Superior Court
Pat Williams, Chief of Police, Desert Hot Springs
Jerry Wengerd, Director, Mental Health
Gary Windom, Public Defender
Paul Zellerbach, District Attorney

OTHER STAFF PRESENT

Sherri Carter, Executive Officer, Superior Court
Creg Datig, Assistant District Attorney, District Attorney
Patty Gus, Assistant Division Director, Probation
BT Miller, Principal Deputy County Counsel, County Counsel
Doug Moreno, Administrative Services Manager, Probation
Bill Palmer, Division Director, Probation
Rosario Rull, Chief Deputy, Probation
Steve Thetford, Chief Deputy, Sheriff
Colleen Walker, Undersheriff, Sheriff

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chief Crogan at 10:05 a.m.

At the request of Chief Crogan, BT Miller, representing County Counsel, was included in the meeting to discuss the Brown Act requirements including bylaws and to assist with establishing a quorum. After discussion, the committee agreed to function under the guidelines of the Brown Act. A list of guidelines will be prepared by County Counsel with the Probation Department's assistance and be brought to the committee for approval at the next meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chief Crogan entertained a motion to approve the July 19, 2011 minutes of the Community Corrections Partnership Executive Committee (CCPEC). Motion was moved by Gary Windom, seconded by Jerry Wengerd. Minutes were approved and stand as written.

AB 109 STATUS REPORTS

A. Probation Department:

Chief Crogan advised that on July 26th the Board of Supervisors approved the recommendations made by the CCPEC and designated the Probation Department as the receiving agency to provide Post-release Community Supervision (PCS); designated the Director of Mental Health as a voting member of the CCP Executive Committee; and authorized the Auditor-Controller to establish three accounts for AB 109 funding.

Bill Palmer previewed a PowerPoint presentation that the Probation Department will present to the Board of Supervisors at a workshop on August 15th regarding 2011 Public Safety Realignment (hand out). All members of the CCPEC are invited to attend the workshop. The presentation includes the same basic information that was presented to this committee during the July 19th meeting; however additional information has been included for clarity along with budget information. Chief Crogan mentioned that this presentation is only an “overview” at this time. The comprehensive plan will be submitted in the mid-year budget report in February 2012. During open discussion, input from the CCPEC members was sought and will be included in the final presentation to the Board of Supervisors.

Chief Crogan shared a copy of 2011 Public Safety Realignment Key Provisions in AB 109/AB 117 (hand out) and clarified the AB 109 population and the effective date. This CSAC/CSSA/CPOC update, dated July 22nd, states “the provisions of realignment are prospective and, therefore, as people are sentenced on or after October 1 or released to supervision on or after October 1, they will be the responsibility of the counties.”

The working committee met on July 28th and will continue to meet to develop specific plans for implementation.

There was discussion regarding the COMPAS assessment tool and inclusion of the score during pre-sentence phase. The CCPEC members expressed an interest in reviewing the assessment and referred it to the working committee.

Chief Crogan discussed the Form 11 (hand out) prepared by the Probation Department that will go before the Board of Supervisors on August 16, 2011. Chief Crogan made a motion for the CCPEC to support the recommendations to the Board of Supervisors as outlined in the Form 11. After lengthy discussion, the motion was amended by Chief Crogan to support a six-month budget as opposed to nine-months as originally proposed and keep the proposed preliminary implementation plan including the 100 positions being requested. Motion was seconded by Gary Windom. After further discussion, the motion was substituted by Pat Williams to state that the CCPEC authorizes a six-month budget of approximately \$6.4 million for the Probation Department and the proposed preliminary plan to implement, including the hiring authority for 100 positions as long as the Department only hires up to the number of staff this amount will fund; and to bring the matter back to the CCPEC in 90-120 days with a comprehensive plan to include the other entities involved. Motion seconded by Judge Ellsworth. Motion passed without opposition or abstentions (6-0). The Form 11 will be revised to reflect the approved motion.

B. Courts:

Judge Ellsworth advised that Sherri Carter is currently participating with a working group to determine how to allocate the Court's AB 109 funding.

Status updates from the Sheriff, District Attorney, Public Defender, Mental Health and Chief of Police were continued to the next CCPEC meeting.

NEXT MEETING

The next CCPEC meeting was scheduled for August 30, 2011, 10:00 a.m., Downtown Law Building, 5th Floor.

The meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Minutes submitted by Janie Vaught, Executive Assistant II, Riverside County Probation Department

RIVERSIDE COUNTY PROBATION DEPARTMENT



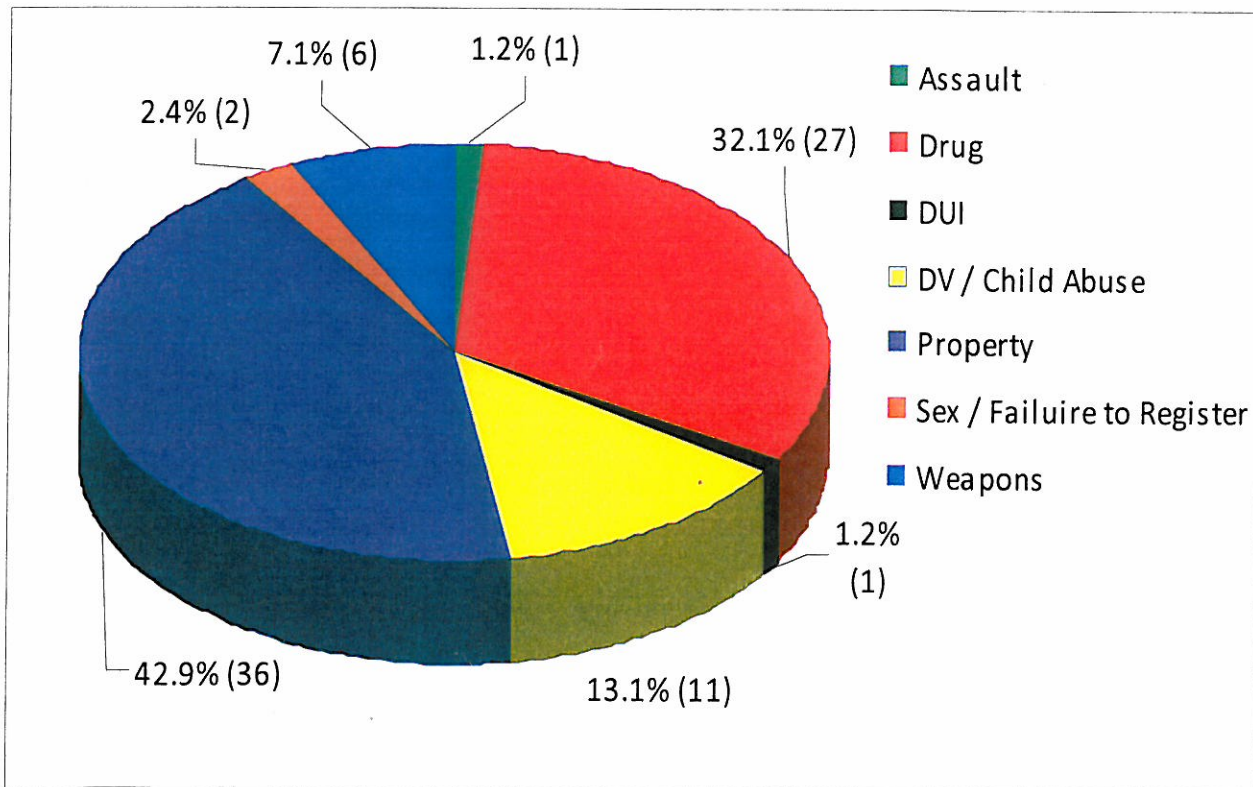
ALAN M. CROGAN
CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER



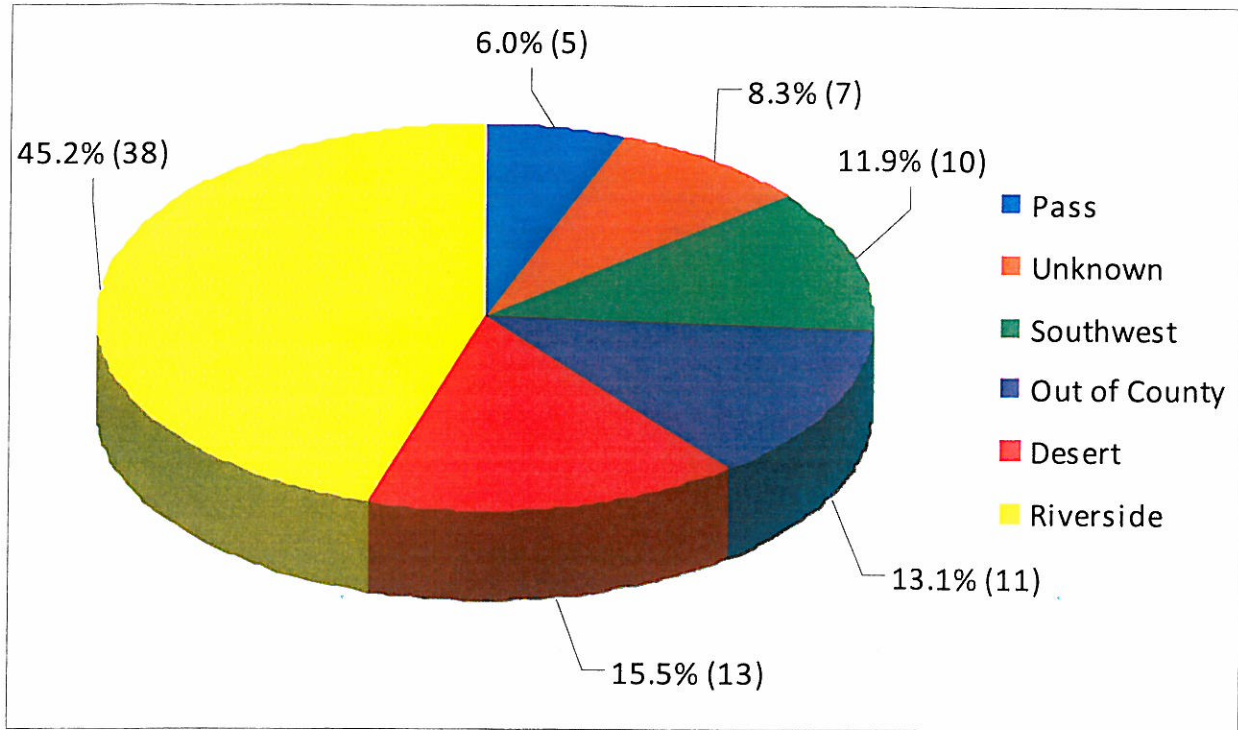
Post Release Community Supervision Initial Offender and Offense Breakdown Through August 26, 2011

Number of Offenders	84
Number of Offenders with Prior Strikes Alleged	13
Percentage with Prior Strikes	15.4%
Number of Offenders with Prison Priors	44
Percentage with Prison Priors	52.3%
Average Number of Prison Priors per Offender	1.6%

Offenses by Category



Planned City of Residence



County of Riverside Public Safety Realignment & Post-release Community Supervision
Preliminary 2011 Implementation Plan
Proposed Law Enforcement Component

Career Criminal Apprehension Team (CCAT)

The primary mission of CCAT is for municipal Police Departments to work with the County Probation Department and Sheriff's Department to immediately focus on "high risk" and "at large" probationers that pose the most risk to public safety. The CCAT will be dedicated to identifying and investigating "non-compliant" probationers, locating and apprehending "at-large" and "high risk" probationers and performing probation sweeps. Through sustained, proactive, and coordinated investigations the CCAT will locate and apprehend probation violators. The CCAT will serve as the central point for agencies to share information on absconded probationers. The support of the CCAT allows the County Probation Department more time and resources to focus on case management and compliance checks.

CCAT will be a thirteen member team; one (1) Manager, two (2) Supervisors and ten (10) law enforcement officers/deputies. Management of this team and the composition of the members will be drawn from both the city police departments and sheriff department. The CCAT will breakdown into two teams (one supervisor and five law enforcement officers each); West County and East County. CCAT will operate in a task force model similar to the County's successful regional gang task force teams and that of the countywide S.A.F.E. team. There will be Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) among County Probation, Sheriff's Department and participating agencies.

Budget – Year One

Salaries & Benefits	\$2,000,000
Vehicles	\$ 520,000
Equipment	\$ 156,000
Office Lease	\$ 250,000
Office Equipment	\$ 75,000
Office Supplies	\$ 20,000
Information Technology/Communications	\$ 100,000
Professional Services (Legal)	<u>\$ 100,000</u>
Total:	<u>\$3,221,000</u>

Budget – Year Two (and thereafter)

Salaries & Benefits	\$2,000,000
Equipment	\$ 12,000
Office Lease	\$ 250,000
Office Supplies	\$ 10,000
Information Technology/Communications	\$ 20,000
Professional Services (Legal)	<u>\$ 100,000</u>
Total:	<u>\$ 2,392,000</u>



President

Chief Frank Coe
Beaumont Police

Vice-President

Chief Leonard Purvis
Banning Police

Treasurer / Secretary

Chief Mike Lane
U.C. Riverside Police

August 15, 2011

Executive Committee,
Community Corrections Partnership
c/o Chief Alan Crogan
Riverside County Probation
3960 Orange Street, Ste 600
Riverside, CA 92501

RE: Proposed Law Enforcement Component, Post Release Community Supervision

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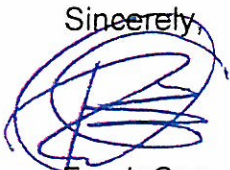
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Sincerely,



Frank Coe
Chief of Police-City of Beaumont
President-ARCCOP

Cc:

Judge Sherrill A. Ellsworth, Presiding Judge
District Attorney Paul Zellerbach
Public Defender Gary Windom
Sheriff Stan Sniff
Chief Patrick Williams
Director Jerry Wengerd

City of Banning Police Department



LEONARD T. PURVIS
CHIEF OF POLICE

August 16, 2011

Executive Committee,
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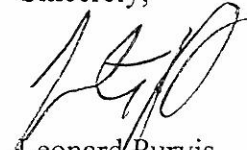
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Sincerely,



Leonard Purvis
Chief of Police

Cc:

Judge Sherrill A. Ellsworth, Presiding Judge

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Director Jerry Wengerd



POLICE DEPARTMENT

August 15, 2011

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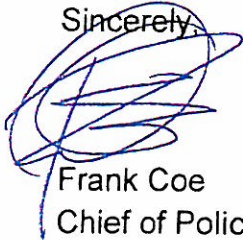
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Frank Coe
Chief of Police

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BLYTHE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Chief Steve W. Smith

August 23, 2011

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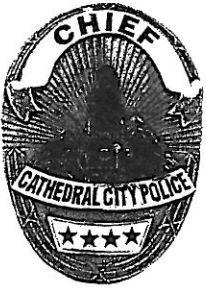
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Steve W. Smith
Chief of Police

Cc:

- Judge Sherrill A. Ellsworth, Presiding Judge
- District Attorney Paul Zellerbach
- Public Defender Gary Windom
- Sheriff Stan Sniff
- Chief Patrick Williams
- Director Jerry Wengerd



CATHEDRAL CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Kevin H. Conner
Chief of Police

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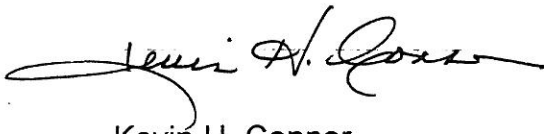
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Pride in Service

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Should you have any questions regarding this matter or would like to discuss this issue in greater detail you may contact me by calling 760-770-0301.

Yours truly,

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Kevin H. Conner
Chief of Police

CC: Sherrill A. Ellsworth, Presiding Judge
Paul Zellerbach, Riverside County District Attorney
Gary Windom, Public Defender
Stan Sniff, Riverside County Sheriff
Patrick Williams, Chief of Police
Jerry A. Wengerd, Director of Mental Health



CORONA POLICE DEPARTMENT

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August 15, 2011

Executive Committee,
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Thank you in advance for your support of this important issue. If you have any questions or would like to discuss this issue in detail please contact me directly at (951) 736-2288.

Sincerely,

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Richard E. Madory
Chief of Police

Cc:

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Executive Committee Members,
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RE: Law Enforcement Component, Post Release Community Supervision

Dear CCP Executive Committee Members:

First, I'd like to say "thank you" for the time you have spent on the CCP Executive Committee. Your efforts will result in the successful implementation of AB 109 in Riverside County.

The citizens of Hemet are very concerned about the impacts of AB 109 on the Hemet/San Jacinto Valley. I am writing today to urge you to support the proposed Law Enforcement Component of the AB 109 Post Release Community Supervision and Implementation Strategy. I believe the proposal brought forward by the Sheriff and Police Chiefs will fill an important gap in the overall plan.

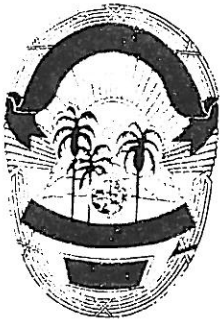
Specifically, there will be a small percentage of the early release probationers who will not be receptive to the efforts of the probation department. They will reoffend in our communities and negatively impact the quality of life of our citizens. The proposal brought forth by the sheriff and police chiefs is based on the highly successful, multi-agency task force model. The proposal combines the expertise of the probation department with the law enforcement expertise, intelligence and capabilities of the sheriff and local police departments in an effort to identify and target those probationers who are likely to reoffend and victimize our communities.

I believe the proposed Law Enforcement Component is an essential piece in the overall success of the implementation plan. I urge you, on behalf of the Hemet community, to support the proposed Law Enforcement Component.

Sincerely,



David M. Brown
Chief of Police



INDIO POLICE DEPARTMENT

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"Our Community... Our Commitment"

August 17, 2011

Bradley S. Ramos
Chief of Police

Richard M. Banasiak
Captain

Richard A. Bitonti
Captain

Chief Alan Crogan
Executive Committee
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RE: Proposed AB 109 Implementation Strategies for Law Enforcement

Dear Chief Crogan:

I am writing in support of the proposed *AB 109 Implementation Strategies for Law Enforcement* as submitted by Desert Hot Springs Police Chief Patrick Williams and ask for your support on the proposal as well. This issue is of critical importance to every local and county-wide law enforcement agency across Riverside County as well as to the citizens we are sworn to protect.

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As we are all aware, the Coachella Valley is a well-established migration route for illicit drugs being trafficked into the United States from Mexico and a large percentage of the crimes perpetrated by the pending probationers involve the sale and/or abuse of illegal drugs. These facts make it imperative that the Post Release Community Supervision Compliance Unit be created and work together to assist County Probation in providing effective supervision and quality programming in an effort to decrease recidivism and protect the community.

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On behalf of the citizens of Indio and the Coachella Valley, I thank you for reviewing this information and for your consideration of this letter of support. If you have any questions or would like to discuss this issue in detail please feel free to contact me directly at (760) 391-4035.

Sincerely,

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Bradley S. Ramos
Chief of Police

Cc:

Judge Sherrill A. Ellsworth, Presiding Judge

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CITY OF MURRIETA

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Mike Baray
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Murrieta Police Department

Cc:

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City of Palm Springs

Office of the Chief of Police

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August 23, 2011

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Thank you for in advance for your support of this important issue. If you have any questions or would like to discuss this issue in detail please feel free to contact me directly at (760) 323-8126.

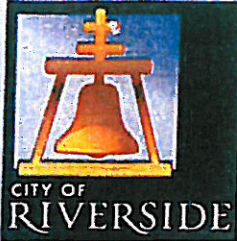
Sincerely,


ALBERTO FRANZ, III
Chief of Police

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cc:

Judge Sherrill A. Ellsworth, Presiding Judge
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August 29, 2011

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Community Corrections Partnership
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Sincerely,

Sergio G. Diaz
Chief of Police

Cc:

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August 23, 2011

Chief Alan Crogan
Executive Committee
Community Corrections Partnership
c/o Riverside County Probation
3960 Orange Street, Ste 600
Riverside, CA 92501

RE: Proposed AB 109 Implementation Strategies for Law Enforcement

Dear Chief Crogan:

On behalf of the City Council for the City of Indio and its residents, I am writing in support of the proposed *AB 109 Implementation Strategies for Law Enforcement* and ask for your support on the proposal as well. This issue is of critical importance to the citizens of Indio, our police department and our neighboring communities within the Coachella Valley.

The proposed strategy is for a *Post Release Community Supervision Compliance Unit*, which is based on the highly successful, multi-agency task force model combining the supervision expertise of County Probation with the law enforcement capabilities of the County Sheriff and local police department resources to provide additional public safety tactical and strategic support during compliance checks, "at large" probationer searches and probation sweeps. Additionally, the use of our local law enforcement agency personnel will enhance the successfulness of the compliance unit as community policing strategies are implemented improving the safety of our communities through reduced probationer/parolee recidivism.

As you are aware, Indio is home to many eastern Riverside County law enforcement, criminal justice and mental health/social service agencies, all of which are integral parts of the 2011 Public Safety Realignment and Post-release Community Supervision Implementation Plan. The City and our police department will naturally sustain a significant drain on our resources with the implementation of the 2011 Public Safety

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Realignment Act and we believe it is crucial that the proposed Post Release Community Supervision Compliance Unit be created and work together to assist County Probation in providing effective supervision and quality programming in an effort to decrease recidivism and protect our community.

The residents of Indio have entrusted this City Council to protect them and preserve the resources of the city, especially during such trying economic times, and we take this responsibility very seriously. We have recently experienced a 14% reduction in part-1 crimes due to the many communitywide cooperative programs facilitated through Chief Ramos and the Police Department and it is imperative that this trend not be reversed as a result of thousands of convicted criminals being released onto the streets of our community.

Thank you for reviewing this information and for your consideration of this letter of support. If you have any questions or would like to discuss this issue in detail please feel free to contact Chief of Police Brad Ramos at 760-391-4035.

Sincerely,

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for*

Lupe Ramos Watson
Mayor, City of Indio

cc: Judge Sherrill A. Ellsworth, Presiding Judge
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City Manager Dan Martinez



City of Banning

Office of the Mayor

August 24, 2011

Executive Committee,
Community Corrections Partnership
c/o Chief Alan Crogan
Riverside County Probation
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Riverside, CA 92501

RE: Proposed Law Enforcement Component, Post Release Community Supervision

Dear Members of the Executive Committee:

On behalf of the City of Banning, I am writing in support of the proposed *Law Enforcement Component for the AB 109, Post Release Community Supervision and Implementation Strategy* and ask for your support on the proposal as well. This issue is of critical importance to my community and to our law enforcement personnel charged with the protection of our residents, visitors and businesses.

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Thank you for in advance for your support of this important issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Barbara Hanna".

Barbara Hanna
Mayor



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August 15, 2011

Executive Committee,
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Dear Members of the Executive Committee:

On behalf of the City of Beaumont I am writing in support of the proposed *Law Enforcement Component for the AB 109, Post Release Community Supervision and Implementation Strategy* and ask for your support on the proposal as well. This issue is of critical importance to my community and to our law enforcement personnel charged with the protection of our residents, visitors and businesses.

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Sincerely,

Brian De Forge
Mayor



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August 25, 2011

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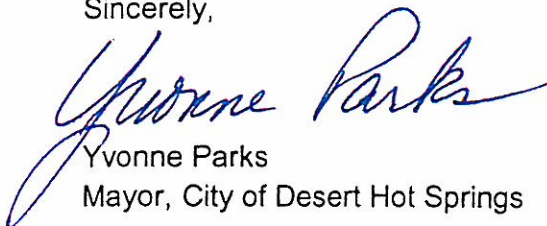
Dear Members of the Executive Committee:

On behalf of the City of Desert Hot Springs, I am writing in support of the proposed *Law Enforcement Component for the AB 109, Post Release Community Supervision and Implementation Strategy* and ask for your support on the proposal as well. This issue is of critical importance to my community and to our law enforcement personnel charged with the protection of our residents, visitors and businesses.

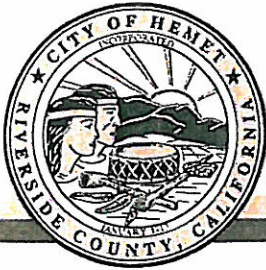
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Sincerely,


Yvonne Parks
Mayor, City of Desert Hot Springs

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From the Office
of the
MAYOR
Jerry Franchville

August 25, 2011

Executive Committee Members
Community Corrections Partnership
c/o Chief Alan Crogan
Riverside County Probation
3960 Orange Street, Suite 600
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Re: Proposed Law Enforcement Component, Post Release Community Supervision

Dear Members of the Executive Committee:

On behalf of the City of Hemet, I am writing in support of the proposed Law Enforcement Component for the AB 109, Post Release Community Supervision and Implementation Strategy and ask for your support on the proposal as well. This issue is of critical importance to my community and to our law enforcement personnel charged with the protection of our residents, visitors and businesses.

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Thank you in advance for your support of the AB 109 Post Release Community Supervision Law Enforcement Taskforce.

Sincerely,

Jerry Franchville
Mayor

JF/ka



City of Palm Springs

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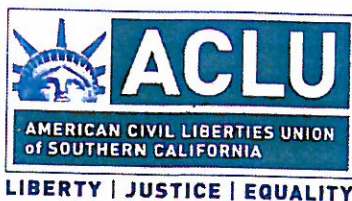
On behalf of the City of Palm Springs, I am writing in support of the proposed Law Enforcement Component for the AB 109, Post Release Community Supervision and Implementation Strategy and ask for your support on the proposal as well. This issue is of critical importance to my community and to our law enforcement personnel charged with the protection of our residents, visitors and businesses.

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Gary Williams

RE: Reducing county jail populations through AB 109 realignment implementation

National Board Representative
Isabelle R. Gunning

Dear Executive Committee Members of the Community Corrections Partnership,

ACLU/ACLU FOUNDATION

Executive Director
Hector O. Villagra

Today, the United States has 5% of the world's population and 25% of the world's incarcerated population. Despite extremely high state and local incarceration rates, California's recidivism rate of 68% is among the highest in the nation. In California, our prisons face conditions so extreme that the U.S. Supreme Court has stepped in, ordering the state to take immediate steps to significantly reduce our prison population to comply with Constitutional standards.

Chief Counsel
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Your county can now be part of the solution. With the passage of AB 109 on April 5 and the state budget on June 30, your county assumes significant new corrections responsibilities for people convicted of certain non-serious, non-violent felonies and new community supervision and reentry assistance for people after they are released from prison and jail.

Legal Director & Manheim Family Attorney for First Amendment Rights
Peter J. Eliasberg

I am writing to urge your County to develop your realignment plan with a clear focus on evidence-based solutions for alternatives to incarceration and reentry, instead of adding jail beds. And as you develop and monitor your plan, be sure to comply with the requirements of the Brown Act, California's open meeting law. Meaningful, significant public input into your planning process will result in a better realignment plan. If planned and implemented appropriately, your realignment plan can assist the County to reduce recidivism, improve public safety, and decrease incarceration levels.

Deputy Legal Director
Ahilan T. Arulanantham

Director of Policy Advocacy
Clarissa Woo

The attached document outlines a few of the solutions your County can put in place. Please distribute it to all members of your Executive Committee. You

Director of Community Engagement
Elvia Meza

Executive Director Emeritus
Ramona Ripston

can take immediate steps at *each* stage of the criminal justice system for both the realignment population and your current jail population:

- Pre-Booking: Place appropriate low-level offenders who agree to participate directly into supervised services similar to reentry programs instead of putting them through the courts and into jail.
- Pre-Trial: Expand non-incarceration alternatives for your pre-trial detention population who cannot afford bail but do not present a significant flight or public safety risk.
- Sentencing: Adopt community corrections alternatives to incarceration for low-level offenders.
- Probation, Parole and Community Supervision: Adopt evidence-based reentry programs that address the housing, education, employment and health status of individuals and that reduce recidivism.

There are four reasons why your county should focus on alternatives to incarceration and solutions for reentry, instead of adding jail beds:

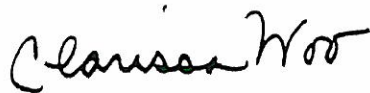
- *Improving Public Safety.* High rates of recidivism mean more new crimes and more new victims. We have to hold individuals accountable for their behavior, and we have to do so in a way that addresses the underlying reasons – whether drug addiction or mental health problems – that currently lead so many low-level offenders right back to prison and jail. Taking a smarter approach with low-level non-violent offenses has another advantage: we can focus police, prosecutor, and court resources so that violent and serious crimes – like rape and murder – are thoroughly investigated, victims and witnesses are protected, and suspects are prosecuted and held accountable when found guilty.
- *Improving Accountability to Taxpayers.* Our federal, state, and county budgets are all under extreme pressure, with cuts to vital services that people and businesses depend upon. Taxpayers are rightfully demanding that every dollar that we spend demonstrate the very best evidence of positive outcomes. The State of California is giving your county a block grant, not a blank check. The amount is finite. If your county pursues a strategy of long jail sentences to pay for non-violent offenses, it will far exceed funding provided this year by the state and will have to be paid for with discretionary county dollars. These dollars are desperately needed by your county's schools, public safety agencies, and the most basic safety net services.
- *Protecting Your County from Costly Legal Liability.* The same conditions of prison overcrowding and abysmal medical conditions that led the U.S. Supreme Court to hold California liable can occur in your county. In fact, because jails were never designed for long-term detention, counties that respond to realignment by packing their jails are likely at even greater risk of costly lawsuits for conditions of confinement. Your county is better off adopting front-end solutions that reduce jail populations, rather than paying for expensive capital and operating costs for a larger jail population during a time of continued budget cuts.

- *Reducing Structural Inequality Based on Race and Poverty.* Unequal treatment in the criminal justice system is one of the primary drivers of inequality in our society today. We are relying on incarceration to deal with mental health, drug abuse and social problems that can be better solved in other ways. A higher proportion of African-Americans are incarcerated in California today than Blacks were in Apartheid South Africa. Latinos are now the largest group incarcerated in California state prisons. One of the core reasons the state has decided to fund realignment is that counties are better positioned to integrate services in a way that the state cannot.

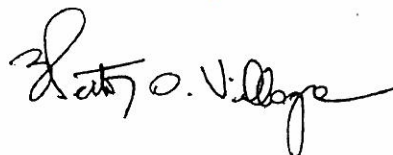
Realignment is a call to do things differently. As Californians, we can do better. We must.

Thank you for your attention to this pressing issue. We would be happy to answer any questions you have about this letter, and you may contact us at the phone number or email address in the signature block below. We would also like an opportunity to meet with you in person at your earliest convenience to discuss in more detail the ideas presented here. A member of our staff will be following up with you to schedule a time for us to talk.

Yours sincerely,



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Enclosure

12 Steps Counties Should Adopt in their Realignment Plans

On October 1st, criminal justice realignment takes effect, shifting supervision of various populations to the counties. Because the changes are prospective, the increase in local corrections population will occur incrementally rather than all at once; counties have time before the full scale of the implementation will occur. Counties should take immediate steps now, and also take the time to engage in a data-driven process to adopt additional rigorous reforms that will take longer than October 1st to develop and implement.

- 1) Set up a process from the outset that is public, inclusive and transparent. The meetings of your local Community Corrections Partnership and the new statutorily-created Executive Committee are subject to the public notice requirements of the Brown Act. Comply with the letter and the spirit of the Brown Act. Make draft plans publicly available and provide a meaningful opportunity for public input. Invite stakeholders from community, faith, business, labor, taxpayer, crime victim, service provider, civil rights, and other sectors to participate in crafting the plan – and in its implementation. Establish from the beginning a clear process to govern how the plan will be evaluated and how adjustments will be made during implementation and in the coming years; build in an explicit process for amending your plan in the months and years ahead as your county learns which programs and approaches work best and which need improvement
- 2) Conduct a thorough assessment of the characteristics of your current jail population and of the new realignment population (e.g., ask what special needs exist and are likely to exist and how can they best be addressed). For instance, a larger proportion than ever before of your new population will be women. Map out the capacity in your county, including government and private-sector community agencies, and identify the gaps that exist, from assessing risk levels to implementing successful drug treatment, mental health and other programs.
- 3) Set a target – a numerical target – for the number of people to be placed in community corrections alternatives to incarceration, for improved and successful reentry, and for reductions in the jail population.
- 4) Establish a system from pre-entry to re-entry for people who come into contact with your law enforcement and criminal justice system to assess their drug and alcohol addiction, mental and physical health, housing, education, and employment status, and direct them to appropriate programs during and after their interaction with the criminal justice system to maximize the chances of successful reentry. Make sure to provide needed services especially to victims of crime, from child abuse to gang violence.
- 5) Establish a system of pre-booking diversion for your low-risk population, such as those arrested for simple drug possession and low-level drug sales or minor property crimes. Innovative programs are being developed which place appropriate individuals directly into supervised treatment and other programs similar to your current probation and reentry programs. This will get people into the evidence-based programs and services

that have been demonstrated to reduce recidivism while eliminating costly court proceedings and reducing the caseload of already over-burdened judges, prosecutors, public defenders and staff.

- 6) Reduce immigration-based detention and booking costs in county jails. For instance, limit enforcement of immigration detainers and minimize arrests for traffic infractions through acceptance of alternative evidence of identity for people without state-issued ID.
- 7) Expand current, and adopt new, non-incarceration alternatives utilizing home detention and work furlough to replace pre-trial jail detention for appropriate defendants who cannot afford bail. With courts having taken a huge cut to their core funding while taking on significant new supervised release adjudicatory responsibilities, the already-significant pre-trial delays will likely be longer once realignment is fully implemented.
- 8) Develop and impose appropriate community corrections alternatives to incarceration for both the realignment population convicted of low-level non-violent felonies, and for individuals convicted of misdemeanors (your current pre-AB 109 jail population). Make good use of the expanded discretion counties have under realignment to use home detention, work furlough and other intermediate sanctions in lieu of jail time.
- 9) Ensure that jail conditions meet Constitutional standards, that mental health, drug treatment and health care are provided, and that jails provide education, job training and similar programming opportunities so that inmates can earn good-time credits as they do currently in state prison, and to best prepare them for successful reentry.
- 10) Establish effective evidence-based community supervision programs that address the employment, education, housing, and health status of people being released from jail to maximize their chance of successful reentry.
- 11) Develop a financing model that prioritizes funding the mental health, drug treatment, employment, housing and education programs necessary for successful reentry, and then fill in funding for jail time when appropriate, based on the profile and status of each individual.
- 12) Do not get into the prisoner exchange business; don't take in inmates from other counties, send inmates to other counties, or contract with CDCR or private or out-of-state prisons. Most successful reentry will happen in offenders' own communities, close to families for visitation, integrated with services your county is uniquely positioned to provide.

The ACLU is preparing a full report with recommendations for AB 109 implementation and evidence-based alternatives. It will be available in August.