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**CALIFORNIA PEACE OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION OPPOSES
GOVERNOR'S PAROLE INITIATIVE**

Statewide Law Enforcement Leader Expresses Concern over Proposal's Impacts

Sacramento, CA-The California Peace Officers' Association (CPOA) decided unanimously to oppose Governor Brown's proposed initiative, The Public Safety and Rehabilitation Act of 2016. CPOA is concerned that this is another public safety slip that would yet again cause reduced consequences for serious offenders and their early release from prison. California law enforcement is still dealing with the ongoing impacts associated with the passage of Proposition 47 in 2014, and this proposal is viewed in many ways as an extension of those provisions.

"At the onset, it is of importance that the profession of law enforcement in general supports the notions of prisoner rehabilitation, addressing criminogenic needs, incentivizing good inmate behavior, and taking some ownership over successful community reintegration of offenders," said Sacramento County Sheriff Scott Jones, President of CPOA. "However, aspects of this initiative are troubling," Jones continued.

At its core, this initiative will reduce prison sentences for many offenders, likely cause the immediate release of thousands of state prisoners, and could shorten prison sentences for most offenders. These shortened sentences would be almost entirely within the discretion of the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR), despite what a judge may have sentenced the offender to.

"In light of other recent landmark changes in California that have had the net effect of reduced sentences for offenders—Realignment, actions of the three-judge panel, and Proposition 47—whose negative effects on public safety have not yet fully been realized, the timing and consequences of this initiative are unacceptable for California," noted Sheriff Jones.

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The California Peace Officers' Association represents the entire spectrum of peace officers from patrol officers to executives in over 530 agencies in California. Committed to enabling law enforcement delivery of exceptional service to California, its mission is to provide a focused resource for leadership development, personal growth and advocacy to ensure the safety of our communities.