



April 8, 2009

Honorable Jose Solorio, Member
California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 2196
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 312 – OPPOSE

Dear Assemblymember Solorio:

The Riverside Sheriffs' Association, which represents over 3,200 rank and file deputy sheriffs, sheriffs, deputy probation officers, law enforcement investigators and counselors, coroners and bailiffs – the entire law enforcement team in Riverside County, respectfully opposes your bill, AB 312.

First, AB 312 creates a duplicate oversight authority for the Bay Area Rapid Transit Authority, which usurps the final authority of a department head (chief or sheriff.)
Second, AB 312 creates a new precedent wherein the Legislature is passing laws creating a local oversight commission, thus bypassing a local solution. We believe a local solution is a much better approach to addressing this local issue than creating state organizational law for each time there is a police incident.

Very truly yours,

Pat McNamara
President

Timothy H. B. Yaryan
Legislative Counsel and Advocate

cc: Assembly Committee on Public Safety
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