



July 7, 2009

Honorable Ed Hernandez, Member
California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 4112
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 1584 - SUPPORT

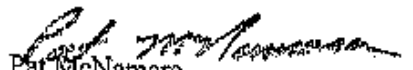
Dear Assemblymember Hernandez:

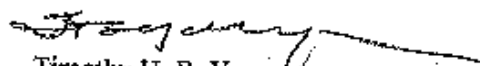
The Riverside Sheriffs' Association, which represents over 3,200 rank and file deputy sheriffs, sheriffs, deputy probation officers, law enforcement investigators and counselors, coroners and bailiffs - the entire law enforcement team in Riverside County - is pleased to support your bill, AB 1584.

There are restrictions in current law, which are directed to designated officers and employees of public employee and teacher retirement systems and those employees who leave positions in a system. However, outside of the currently delineated regulations, there have been breaches of law in pension fund "pay to play" scandals and other questionable issues that now force a need to review and uplift the level of service and honesty practiced in today's pension systems.

AB 1584 was introduced by the State's Committee on Public Employees, Retirement, and Social Security to make necessary and clarifying changes, that based on Legislative Analyst's opinion, will cover and apply to any system qualifying as a public pension system. The Committee's introduction of additional safer fiduciary practices, stricter provisions for agents of boards, the inclusion of political disclosure requirements etc., are all intended to bring increased protections and safer implementation of any actions ongoing within California's public pension systems.

Very truly yours,


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