



June 22, 2009

Honorable Ellen Corbett, Chair
Senate Judiciary Committee
State Capitol, Room 2187
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 680 - Support

Dear Senator Corbett:


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 - supports AB 680.

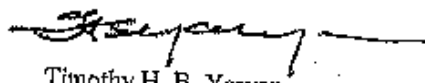
AB 680 increases civil fees the Sheriff's Department may charge for certain service. Those fees pay for a variety of services provided by the Sheriff's Department. An example of one of these services provided by the Sheriff's Department is serving or executing any process or notice. Additionally, a notice of eviction falls under this category, where our personnel must go to the recipient's residence to serve them with the order or post it on the residence. We send either one, or two or more people (depending on the circumstances), to serve the notice. We have a number of eviction notices to post every day in addition to all the other types of process served by this Department. Because we have our personnel traveling all around the County handling process, it becomes an expensive endeavor.

Since 2000, the cost of doing business for the Sheriff's Department has increased dramatically. Gas prices alone have skyrocketed and many of our personnel working in our civil section are using vehicles in the field serving process, notices, and conducting evictions. Most of these fees, which are contained in the Government Code, have not been increased since 2000.

AB 680 modestly increases civil fees to cover the actual costs of operation. It will allow the Sheriff's Department to continue to provide the same high level of service to the community.

Very truly yours,


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