



August 26, 2010

Honorable Arnold Schwarzenegger, Governor
State of California
State Capitol, First Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 294 – VETO

Dear Governor Schwarzenegger:

The Riverside Sheriffs' Association, which represents over 3,200 rank and file deputy sheriffs, deputy probation officers, law enforcement investigators and counselors, coroners and bailiffs – the entire law enforcement team in Riverside County - opposes SB 294, and respectfully requests you VETO this measure.

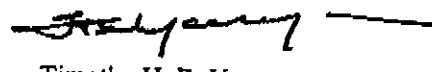
SB 294 undermines law enforcement's ability to deal effectively with prostitution and human trafficking by allowing the California Massage Therapy Council (CAMTC) to overrule the denial-of-use permit by a charter city or county. CAMTC was established to ensure massage therapists are qualified in massage therapy, *but it was not designed to deal with the dark side of the massage industry – namely, prostitution, and women who are forced by criminal street gangs to perform acts of unlawful sex and sodomy!* CAMTC has no business usurping law enforcement's job!

Unfortunately, too, SB 294 was passed with a last minute "stealth amendment" which was inserted into the bill without a full hearing by any legislative policy committee.

SB 294 is bad public safety policy because it undermines the ability of charter cities and counties and law enforcement to enforce laws against prostitution and human trafficking. As such, SB 294 should be resoundingly VETOED!

Very truly yours,


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