



March 11, 2010

Meridian Pacific, Inc.
c/o Elizabeth Hansell
925 University Avenue
Sacramento, CA 95834

RE: **Support of Proposition 14**

Dear Ms. Hansell:

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 – supports **Proposition 14**, “the Open Primary Initiative” on the June 8, 2010 primary election ballot.

Proposition 14 provides for a “voter-nominated primary election” for congressional, statewide, and legislative elective office in California. If passed, voters could vote for any candidate for California elective office without regard to the political party affiliations of either the candidate or the voter. **Proposition 14** will help reduce the partisanship that causes legislative gridlock. An open primary will favor broader participation in races and free candidates to take positions on issues they feel are right for the people of their district.

Given California's history of legislative failures, the Riverside Sheriffs' Association supports and endorses **Proposition 14**.

Sincerely,

Pat McNamara
President