



June 25, 2007

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

RE: SB 271 (Cedillo) – SIGN

Dear Governor Schwarzenegger:

The Riverside Sheriffs' Association, which represents over 2,800 rank and file Deputy Sheriffs, Deputy Probation Officers, Deputy Correctional Officers, District Attorney Investigators, and Deputy Coroners – the entire law enforcement team in Riverside County - is pleased to support SB 271 and asks that it be signed into law.

This is a detail change that allows the district attorney or the city attorney of California cities with a population of over 375,000 to maintain an injunction action for monetary damages on behalf of a community injured as a result of a nuisance created by gang activity. This change will permit the action to extend closer to home by giving this authority to do so to those more familiar with local conditions. It does not take any authority from the Attorney General to decide on cases brought to his attention, but it will add more local authority and shorten the time span it takes to discern the need for injunctions on behalf of a beleaguered community within large cities. Gangs are thriving in our major cities, and beneficial action is necessary to countermand their injurious effects on neighborhoods.

Very truly yours,

Pat McNamara  
President

Timothy H. B. Yaryan  
Legislative Counsel and Advocate

cc: RSA  
Senator Gil Cedillo