

July 28, 2003

Honorable Gray Davis, Governor
State of California
State Capitol, First Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 221 (Romero) – REQUEST SIGNATURE

Dear Governor Davis:

The Riverside Sheriffs' Association, which represents over 2,000 rank and file Deputy Sheriffs, Deputy Probation Officers, District Attorney Investigators, and Deputy Coroners – the entire law enforcement team in the County of Riverside - is pleased to co-sponsor SB 221. We join with the California Police Chiefs Association and other rank and file groups, including the Los Angeles Police Protective League, the Los Angeles Professional Peace Officers' Association, and the Association for Los Angeles Deputy Sheriffs in urging that you sign this measure into law.

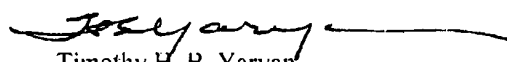
SB 221 represents a historic agreement between labor and management aimed at clarifying the certificate cancellation procedures of the Commission on Police Officer Standards and Training (POST) to ensure high professional standards for peace officers.

SB 221 clarifies existing law with respect to peace officers who plead guilty to a felony, or are found guilty of a felony by the trial of fact. SB 221 provides, regardless of how the officer is sentenced, that the plea or verdict controls whether that officer will lose his or her POST Certificate (after legal appeals are exhausted). SB 221 also clarifies the procedure involved in canceling a POST Certificate. SB 221 expressly requires full disclosure to any law enforcement employer or prospective employer – in-state or outside of California – that any peace officer who violates Section 1029 "IS NOT ELIGIBLE TO BE A PEACE OFFICER IN CALIFORNIA."

SB 221 raises the bar of professionalism for California law enforcement.

Very truly yours,


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