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CSAC BOARD OF DIRECTORS VOTES TO SUPPORT PROPOSITION 30

Governor's Initiative Constitutionally Guarantees Realignment Funding

SACRAMENTO – The California State Association of Counties (CSAC) Board of Directors voted today to support Proposition 30, the Governor's initiative that would constitutionally guarantee funding for realigned criminal justice services.

"CSAC, which represents all 58 California counties, believes that the criminal justice realignment can only be successful if ongoing funding is constitutionally guaranteed," said Mike McGowan, CSAC President and Yolo County Supervisor. "Proposition 30 does just that. Without this guarantee, we will not see the reform so critically needed in our criminal justice system."

In 2011, the California Legislature approved AB 109, resulting in a historic change in the state's criminal justice system. This realignment of offenders has resulted in more than 38,000 individuals who would have been the responsibility of the state now being the responsibility of California's counties. Approximately 15,000 of these offenders are now serving their sentences in county jails while the other 23,000 are under the supervision of local probation departments.

The California State Association of Counties (CSAC) is the voice of California's 58 counties at the state and federal level. The Association's long-term objective is to significantly improve the fiscal health of all California counties – from Alpine County with a little more than 1,200 people to Los Angeles County with more than 10 million – so they can adequately meet the demand for vital public programs and services. CSAC also places a strong emphasis on educating the public about the value and need for county programs and services.

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