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Local Public Safety and County Leaders Applaud Governor's Commitment to Put Measure on 2012 Ballot to Constitutionally Protect Funding for Realignment

Sacramento, CA – Speaking to a gathering of public safety officials today, Governor Jerry Brown reaffirmed his commitment to making realignment work and ensuring counties had the necessary funds to make it a success. Saying “I’m not leaving Sacramento until we get a constitutional guarantee”, the Governor pledged to work with local government and law enforcement leaders to place a measure on the November 2012 ballot to provide these protections.

Following are statements from leading local government and public safety organizations in response:

Mark Pazin, President, California State Sheriff's Association, Merced County Sheriff: “Next week, counties will assume responsibility for offenders, and sheriffs need to plan for how we are going to manage this new obligation. We can't make any plans beyond this year without guarantees that funding will be there to track, monitor and incarcerate this new population. With the Governor's leadership, we're confident we can get the constitutional protections to ensure realignment's success and to maintain safety in our communities.”

John Tavaglione, President, California State Association of Counties, Riverside County

Supervisor: “We thank the Governor for his continued leadership and commitment to making realignment a success. Counties are extremely concerned about the significant new responsibilities the state has imposed on us without the constitutional protections that ensure ongoing, reliable funding. It is clear the Governor recognizes the need for this constitutional guarantee to protect vital local services. We stand ready to work side-by-side with the Governor to go to the voters to protect funding for these critical public safety services.”

Linda Penner, President, Chief Probation Officers of California, Chief Probation Officer of Fresno

County: “When we began work with the Governor in January, he committed to us that he would do what it took to get job done right on realignment – including constitutional protections. Today he reaffirmed that commitment. As we begin to work with this offender population, probation officers need to plan how they will appropriately monitor and help rehabilitate offenders – today and 10 years from now. A protected revenue source is critical.”

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