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## --Joint Law Enforcement Floor Alert--

# **OPPOSE ASSEMBLY BILL AB 937 (Carrillo)**

*as amended September 3, 2021*

Despite recent amendments, the above signed law enforcement organizations, including police chiefs, sheriffs, District Attorneys, and statewide rank and file officers continue to ***strongly oppose AB 937***, which will extend sanctuary state protections regardless of criminal convictions for ***violent crimes and repeat offenses***.

We all believe there should be clear lines between when, how, and under what circumstances local and state law enforcement should have discretion to cooperate and share information with federal immigration authorities. ***Current law already establishes these lines*** and provides protections to low level offenses.

AB 937 erases any and all lines and ***completely prohibits*** when California agencies can share information with immigration authorities, including when under the following circumstances:

- All violent felonies including rape, murder, torture, and those in Penal Code 667.5;
- All sex crimes, including those that are adjudicated as sexually violent predator, and in cases where the victim is a child. This includes repeat offenders as well;
- Those convicted of slavery and human trafficking;
- Repeat domestic violence and child abuse offenders;
- Unlawful use of a weapon, firearm, explosive device, or weapon of mass destruction that causes great bodily injury or death;
- ***Every other crime listed in our Penal Code, even when repeated.***

There also are major concerns regarding the ***unintended consequences*** this legislation would have on our ***ability to share critical information regarding national threats*** with agencies not involved in a formalized task force.

***Law enforcement has been accused of fearmongering and race baiting*** for pointing out the egregious offenses protected under AB 937. We do not highlight these concerns for any other reason but to share the ***very real and legitimate safety concerns***.

Finally, AB 937 creates a ***right of action against an agency and local government*** even if the agency shared information regarding a suspect ***when the agency did not know the person was undocumented***.

We are also not arguing that immigrants somehow pose any more threat than citizens or asking to involve immigration authorities in low-level offenses. However, ***there should be a point, in the most egregious cases***, where we ***do not provide protections for dangerous persons from enforcement***.

Vote **NO** on Assembly Bill 937

The following law enforcement organizations are included in the Floor Alert:

- California Police Chiefs Association
- California State Sheriffs Association
- California District Attorneys Association
- Peace Officers Research Association of California
- California Peace Officers Association
- California Association of Highway Patrolmen
- Association of Los Angeles Deputy Sheriffs
- Fraternal Order of Police
- Riverside Sheriffs Association
- Association of Orange County Deputy Sheriffs
- Long Beach Peace Officers Association
- San Diego Deputy Sheriffs Association
- Sacramento Deputy Sheriffs Association
- Sheriffs Employees Benefits Association of San Bernardino

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