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AB 392 SIGNED INTO LAW BY GOVERNOR GAVIN NEWSOM

California is one step closer to implementing the most robust use of force policy in the nation with the passage of the SB 230 and AB 392 legislative package

Sacramento, CA – Governor Gavin Newsom today signed AB 392 (Weber) into law. Together with SB 230 (Caballero), this landmark legislative package represents the most comprehensive use of force policy in the nation. While AB 392 provides an update to the legal standard for when force can be used in our communities, SB 230 provides the tools and training needed to effectively minimize the use of force and deliver better outcomes in alignment with the AB 392 standard. AB 392's success hinges on the passage and implementation of SB 230, which remains in the Assembly Appropriations Committee before proceeding to a vote on the Assembly floor.

Under current law, police departments largely set their own use-of-force policies and officers don't always have access to the training they deserve. Officers have asked for more training in de-escalation techniques and interacting with individuals with mental illnesses, but their requests are too often met with long waiting periods for funding. SB 230 will train officers on the AB 392 standard and will proactively and effectively result in better outcomes for everyone by:

- Requiring that every California law enforcement officer receive the most robust training in the nation strictly designed to minimize the use of force.
- Setting specific policy requirements on de-escalation, rendering medical aid, proportional use of force and more.
- Setting forth detailed, standardized requirements for reporting all instances when force is used in our communities.
- Specifying that use of force policies and training are considered in legal proceedings.

"With the support and leadership of Governor Newsom, Senate President Pro Tem Atkins and Speaker Rendon, all parties were able to work together to make today possible," said Brian Marvel, President of the Peace Officers Research Association of California (PORAC).

"We rolled up our sleeves and put forward a unified solution – the AB 392 and SB 230 legislative package reflects our shared experiences, perspectives and expertise and will help to reduce the use of force throughout California."

"Together, AB 392 and SB 230 will modernize our state's policies on the use of force, implementing the very best practices gathered from across our nation," said Ron Lawrence, President of the California Police Chiefs Association (CPCA). "Once both bills are signed and take effect, the real work can begin using the training made available to officers by SB 230 to implement the AB 392 standard. We will

continue to work closely with our state leaders to ensure these policies are implemented effectively to achieve positive public safety outcomes in our communities throughout the state.”

“With the passage of the AB 392 and SB 230 legislative package, California will go further than any other state in the country to provide our officers with the tools and training they have requested and deserve,” said Rick LaBeske, President of the California Association of Highway Patrolmen (CAHP). “This legislative package will serve as an example for other states to follow when updating their own use of force policies.”

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