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PEACE OFFICERS RESEARCH ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA ENDORSE ANTONIO VILLARAIGOSA FOR GOVERNOR

Villaraigosa Earns Backing of Largest Law Enforcement Organization in California

SACRAMENTO, CA – Today, the Peace Officers Research Association of California (PORAC) endorsed Antonio Villaraigosa for Governor citing his record in dramatically reducing crime as Mayor of Los Angeles.

“PORAC is backing Antonio Villaraigosa for Governor because when he was a candidate for Los Angeles Mayor, he pledged to support law enforcement and make public safety a top priority – a promise he kept while Mayor,” said PORAC President Brian Marvel. “We know that as Governor, Antonio will remain focused on reducing crime because he understands that a safe community is the foundation for economic prosperity and opportunity.”

“I’m truly humbled to earn the endorsement of PORAC, which represents tens of thousands of Californians who put their lives on the line to keep our families safe,” said Antonio Villaraigosa. “I am proud to work in partnership with PORAC because I know every Californian deserves the right to live and work in a safe community.”

As Los Angeles Mayor, Antonio Villaraigosa increased the Police Department to more than 10,000 sworn officers and violent crime was reduced by nearly 50 percent. Los Angeles Police Chief Charlie Beck credited Villaraigosa’s public safety strategy, which included expansion of the police force, anti-gang programs for at-risk youth and an effort to reform schools in low-income neighborhoods for helping to reduce crime in Los Angeles.

The Peace Officers Research Association of California (PORAC) was incorporated in 1953 as a professional federation of local, state and federal law enforcement agencies. PORAC represents over 70,000 public safety members and over 930 associations, making it the largest law enforcement organization in California and the largest statewide association in the nation.

PORAC’s duty is to provide Californians with the safety and security they need to feel protected in their homes and on our streets. It is PORAC’s mission to identify the public safety needs in our communities and provide programs to adequately meet those changing needs. Because, if our families aren’t safe, nothing else matters.

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