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**Peace Officers Research Association of California Responds to Incendiary Protest
Comments by Representative Maxine Waters**

*Professional Federation of Local, State & Federal Law Enforcement Associations Condemns
Inflammatory Remarks, Calls for Cooler Heads to Prevail as Minnesota Protests Continue*

Sacramento, CA — On the heels of a week-long protest in Minnesota following the tragic death of Daunte Wright and as the trial of former police officer Derek Chauvin for the death of George Floyd continues, California Congresswoman Maxine Waters' comments urging protesters "to get more confrontational" risk inciting violence and increasing the already deep divide between peace officers and those they serve.

The Peace Officers Research Association of California (PORAC), the largest statewide law enforcement association in the nation, offered the following statement from President Brian Marvel:

"When the actions of any officer are found to be grossly inconsistent with the missions and goals of our profession, we must hold those officers accountable. PORAC supports the right of all Americans to peacefully assemble and express themselves, but violent activities, including the destruction of private property, and the targeting of law enforcement officers are never the answer. As peace officers are tasked with responding to these protests to help keep our families and communities safe, comments like those offered by Representative Waters in Minnesota over the weekend make it significantly more difficult for those officers to carry out their duties safely and effectively."

"What is needed now is for cooler heads to prevail, what we need is rhetoric that serves to bring us together, not pull us further apart. PORAC is committed to addressing the many important challenges and opportunities facing the nation's law enforcement community and will continue to offer our experience and knowledge as a resource as we develop the best path forward."

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About the Peace Officers Research Association of California:

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 77,000 public safety members and over 920 associations, making it the largest law enforcement organization in California and the largest statewide association in the nation.