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SB 230 SIGNED INTO LAW BY GOVERNOR GAVIN NEWSOM

Setting a New National Precedent in Community Policing, Protecting All Californians

Sacramento, CA – Governor Gavin Newsom today signed SB 230 (Caballero) into law – California's landmark bill to reduce the use of force. The comprehensive new policy will go further than any bill in the country to reduce the use of force and deliver better public safety outcomes.

To view and download b-roll and photos from today's bill signing event, please click on the following Dropbox link:

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/8rf17ytrr5s24k5/AAAnyqlP1AcMffxut419GZXa?dl=0>

In order, the speakers who provided remarks on today's historic SB 230 bill signing are:

1. Rick LaBeske, President, California Association of Highway Patrolmen
2. Ron Lawrence, President, California Police Chiefs Association
3. Brian Marvel, President, Peace Officers Research Association of California
4. Senator Anna Caballero, D-Salinas, SB 230 Bill Author

SB 230 is the result of extensive research and thoughtful dialogue with California's elected officials, community members and other impacted stakeholder groups. Leaders in California law enforcement examined the best practices in community policing from around the country that have already proven to reduce the use of force, and worked with the bill authors to compile all of them into one bill – SB 230. Today would not have been possible without the leadership of Governor Gavin Newsom, Senate President Pro Tem Toni Atkins and Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon, who encouraged collaboration and helped to ensure all voices at the table were heard.

"This is how government is supposed to work – it is a place where we can come together, where we can propose ideas, where we can listen to every voice and consider every option,

and where we can make our communities better as a result of this process,” said **Senate President Pro Tem Toni Atkins, D-San Diego**. “I am pleased that so many Californians remained dedicated to working together to pass SB 230 and AB 392 -- a legislative package that will effectively reduce the use of force in our state.”

“I applaud everyone who worked on this year’s legislation to update use-of-force policies, and thank those in law enforcement who came to the table to make it happen,” said **Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon, D-Lakewood**. “Together with other legislation already signed into law, SB 230 represents an important step forward to strengthen public safety while safeguarding officer safety.”

Together with AB 392 (Weber) – a use of force bill signed into law by Governor Newsom last month – SB 230’s signing today marks the completion of a legislative package that will improve public safety outcomes throughout the state.

“I worked with our law enforcement leaders and community members to develop SB 230 because an officer’s use of force is one of the most important issues facing our state and our nation,” said **Senator Anna Caballero, D-Salinas**. “With the passage of SB 230, California will set a new national standard that every other state can look to as a model when updating their own use of force policies.”

With the passage and implementation of SB 230, **California will be the first state in the nation to:**

- Mandate every California law enforcement officer to receive the most robust training in the nation strictly designed to minimize the use of force.
- Require every law enforcement officer to adhere to specific, publicly available guidelines for when they are authorized to use force.
- Establish specific policy requirements across all law enforcement departments on de-escalation, rendering medical aid, proportional use of force and more.
- Standardize detailed reporting requirements for all instances when force is used.
- Specify that use of force policies and training are considered in legal proceedings.

“Now that SB 230 has been signed into law, we are committed to ensuring its successful implementation, which will have a farther greater impact on minimizing use of force in California. I want to thank Governor Newsom and Pro Tem Toni Atkins along with our state legislators for their leadership in passing this landmark legislation,” said **Brian Marvel, President of the Peace Officers Research Association of California (PORAC)**. “In addition to setting a new precedent, SB 230 also serves as a commitment by our state’s leaders by providing the best possible training for our peace officers and standing up for the safety of our communities.”

"This moment has been over a year in the making. SB 230 is a testament to the leadership of our state's top elected officials and all of the hard work that went into crafting this landmark legislation," said **Ron Lawrence, President of the California Police Chiefs Association (CPCA)**. "California's leaders believe in what our men and women in uniform are doing, and we will continue to work closely with them to ensure this law is successfully implemented to effectively improve the practice of public safety in California."

"We have worked tirelessly to enact a policy that will help to make everyone safer, not just our families and communities, but also the men and women in law enforcement who have dedicated their lives to serving the public," said **Rick LaBeske, President of the California Association of Highway Patrolmen (CAHP)**. "To our California communities that have called for change, we heard you. To our men and women in law enforcement who are committed to building positive and lasting relationships with the communities you serve, we thank you. To an entire nation grappling with how to change use of force policies, let this serve as an example that by working together, it can be done."

It took well over a year of thoughtful dialogue to get to this point, and now the real work of implementing new policies and providing additional training for California's nearly 80,000 officers can begin. California's law enforcement community calls for continued statewide collaboration throughout implementation to ensure the success of SB 230.

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