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To: Council Members
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Subject: The League of California Cities 2013 Resolution 2 submitted by the Public Safety Policy Committee

Dear Honorable Mayor Miller and Council Members Clarke, Lentz and O'Connell:

I have reviewed the Resolution set forth to the League of California Cities calling upon Governor Brown and Legislature to enter into discussion with the League and the California Police Chief's Association representatives to identify and enact strategies that will ensure the success of public safety realignment from a local municipal law enforcement perspective. The Resolution before you seeks to outline the deficiencies in the State's current public safety realignment policy as implemented in October 2011. It also identifies policy changes that will assist state, county, and municipal law enforcement entities to cope with the number of offenders that are being directed to county facilities or received into the general public, impacting both local communities and law enforcement.

This resolution addresses key issues of concern facing California and our local municipal police departments regarding realignment. I believe the criteria used to determine an offender's eligibility for release is of great concern and should be noted. Currently, the realignment law defines the most recent offense that resulted in the incarceration of the offender as the only crime taken into consideration in determining their status within the realignment process. It does not take into account previous violent criminal activity the offender may have committed that would have made them ineligible for release. This oversight allows potentially violent offenders back into our society and categorizes them as a minimal risk to the community.

We don't know the full impact of realignment on crime but I assure you that the San Mateo County Chief's and Sheriff Association has been working collaboratively on a strategy to cope with realignment with the minimal funds allocated by the State. We hired a crime analyst to collect crime data from all the agencies to import into a data base that will in time provide us with more accurate statistical information of the impacts of realignment.

Staff recommends that the City take a support position on the League of California Cities 2013 Resolution 2, submitted by the Public Safety Policy Committee. Staff supports the need to adequately fund realignment and to make changes to its implementation as noted in the proposed resolution.

Let me know if you have any additional questions or concerns.

Best Regards,

Chief Lisa Macias