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Wayne J. Quint, Jr., President
Association of Orange County Deputy Sheriffs
1314 West Fifth Street, Suite A
Santa Ana, CA 92703

Re: Proposed Lawsuit by Orange County Board of Supervisors to Invalidate Negotiated Retirement Benefits

Dear President Quint,

The San Diego Deputy District Attorneys Association and our political action committee, San Diegans Against Crime, are committed to ensuring that career law enforcement officers and prosecutors throughout the state continue to have the secure retirement currently provided by the defined benefits pension system. We look with concern upon the proposal by the Orange County Board of Supervisors to file a lawsuit to invalidate the agreement negotiated in 2002 with the AOCDS for a retirement benefit formula increase. Given the difficulty of recruiting and retaining law enforcement and prosecutors statewide, fighting to reduce competitive benefits would seem to be an illogical way to promote law enforcement and public safety in Orange County and elsewhere in California.

On November 8, 2007, you came to San Diego and addressed a meeting of our membership regarding the proposed Pension Lawsuit. You informed us that AOCDS has retained the law firm of Morrison and Foerster to defend them in this lawsuit. You advised us that your union has limited resources, and you have therefore asked the "Big Eleven" peace officer unions for assistance and contributions for the legal defense. You also made a request that our organizations join in the fight against the proposed Pension Lawsuit by making a financial contribution. You stated that our contribution would ensure access to the legal research and advice being given to AOCDS by Morrison and Foerster and others to oppose the Pension Lawsuit. You also ensured us that if AOCDS prevailed in the lawsuit and attorneys fees were granted, any contribution provided by our organizations would be reimbursed according to the percentage of attorneys fees granted.

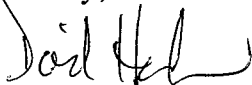
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On November 30, 2007, the Board of Directors of both the San Diego Deputy District Attorneys Association and San Diegans Against Crime met in joint session to discuss your request for funds. Both Boards voted unanimously to separately contribute funds to fight the proposed Pension Lawsuit in Orange County, once it is filed. Our initial joint commitment is a total of \$10,000, with ½ coming from each entity. We will send this contribution as soon as given notice that the lawsuit has been filed in your County. We are also exploring a dues increase and other options to raise additional funds to contribute at a later date.

We hope this commitment will assist AOCDS in your fight to stop this unwarranted and unjustified attack on dedicated public employees by shortsighted politicians. We further pledge our assistance in the future as you continue to protect retirement benefits fairly negotiated and properly granted.

Please feel free to call on our Board members for any assistance your Association may need.

Sincerely,



David Hendren

President

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