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## CITY of CHINO

February 7, 2023

The Honorable Susan Rubio  
100 S. Vincent Avenue, STE. 401  
West Covina, CA 91790

The Honorable Freddie Rodriguez  
13160 7<sup>th</sup> Street  
Chino, CA 91710

***Re: Support of Law Enforcement and Public Safety***

Dear State Senator Rubio and Assembly Member Rodriguez:

The Chino City Council writes to you to express our concern and incredible sadness for the murder of Riverside County Sheriff's Deputies Isaiah Cordero and Darnell Calhoun on December 29, 2022 and January 13, 2023. As a City Council, we are supportive of the Chino Police Department and our neighboring law enforcement agencies. As representatives to the City of Chino, we ask that you please join us to oppose legislation and ballot measures that not only make police officers' jobs more difficult, but more dangerous as well.

Past legislation like Assembly Bill 109 has allowed potentially dangerous individuals to be released from prison earlier than what existing law allowed while overwhelming our county facilities. This is not to mention State Ballot Measures that have compounded the problem by either downgrading felonies to misdemeanors (2014's Proposition 47) or enabling early-release of individuals who committed "non-violent" crimes (2016's Proposition 57). The result has been an increase of unrehabilitated criminals coming into our communities, which has certainly led to an increase in crimes committed against the Chino Community. From 2021 to 2022, Chino had a 20% and 16% increase in burglaries and theft, respectively.

Of course, the City Council recognizes that the circumstances surrounding the murders of Deputies Cordero and Calhoun may not be a *direct* result of the aforementioned policy changes. However, these policy changes undergird a significant shift on how we view crime. It has become passive, apathetic, and shortsighted. We have decriminalized laws to the detriment of all our communities and have undercut the criminal rehabilitative process. This has led to a revolving door of criminals being arrested, convicted, and released back into the community. In fact, the Chino Police Department has arrested over 500 people multiple times throughout the past year with some individuals being arrested close to a dozen times. It is devastating to the morale of all law enforcement personnel, and as seen in the past two months, detrimental to their life and safety.



To support the health and safety of our police officers and communities, we ask that you please work with us to correct the destructive impacts these policies have had not only on the Chino Community, but across the State of California. We thank you for your representation of the Chino Community and look forward to working with you on these important matters.

Sincerely,

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