

October 1 Talking Points

- On October 1, because of a US Supreme Court decision and actions by the State to shift responsibility to the local level, counties and local law enforcement will be responsible for monitoring, tracking and incarcerating low-risk offenders previously the responsibility of the state.
- As usual, Sacramento politicians shifted responsibility to local governments without providing a reliable source of funding to let us do the job. Local officials have no guarantees that the state won't shift, raid or redirect these funds in future years.
- In order to plan for the future and adequately protect the public safety, local sheriffs, police, probation officers and other law enforcement officials need assurances that the money will be there year in and year out.
- We want the legislature to place a measure on the ballot to let the voters decide. The measure will ensure that the state cannot raid or redirect the resources away from local governments who are providing vital law enforcement and other local services.

General Realignment Talking Points

- A new state law shifts greater responsibility to counties for providing law enforcement services, care for neglected children and seniors, and other social safety net programs that state government had historically provided. However, the state only provided counties with a reliable funding source to pay for these services for one year.
- Counties and law enforcement throughout the state support placing an initiative on the 2012 ballot that would dedicate this ongoing funding for counties and local governments, out of existing state funds, to provide these vital local services. Under this measure, these funds could not be raided by the legislature in the future.
- Without this measure, essential local services are at risk, including law enforcement and public safety, services for abused and neglected children and seniors, drug treatment and other social services.
- The measure would also shift control and decision-making power from the state to local governments, which are more accountable to the public, better understand local needs, and use tax dollars more efficiently.