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Dear Mr. Tavaglione:

As Mayors of the largest cities in California, we understand the monumental task that Counties will be faced when implementing realignment. To succeed in keeping our streets safe, a collaborative effort must take precedence across the state and between cities and counties.

As the State's plan has already begun, we urge you to consider in your discussions the following guiding principles that will be key to a successful realignment plan across the state:

1. **Follow the offender** - Funding should go directly to public safety agencies involved with either the responsibility of direct and indirect oversight/supervision, or suppression/apprehension of parolees, as well as to those cities and counties with front-line law enforcement responsibilities of protecting their communities from potential offenses by parolees.
2. **Intervention/Prevention** - State should provide direct funding to cities that are implementing **data-driven, comprehensive gang prevention strategies** that include evaluation outcomes and re-entry plans.
3. **Re-entry** – Direct funding should be provided for supplemental functions that cities will provide like housing and work force development to assist in re-entry.

The success of realignment will be contingent on the partnerships between counties and cities across the state that will be charged with implementing realignment plans. It is critically important to the success of realignment that cities obtain a guaranteed funding stream from the state to supplement the work of counties. We urge you to adopt these principals in defining your ballot language.

Thank you for your consideration.



TOM TAIT
Mayor – Anaheim



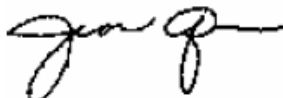
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