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Increase in Violent Crime

San Bernardino, CA – Efforts of San Bernardino Police Department

The recent spate of violent crime in San Bernardino is concerning to our entire community. On April 26, 2016, SBPD held a community town hall to field resident concerns and to reassure the community that their concerns are being heard and addressed.

AB 109 and Prop 47 have caused realignment in California's prison system, reclassifying many felonies to misdemeanors. The implications of the legislation include increased numbers of bad actors on San Bernardino streets instead of imprisoned.

Our Police Department performed courageously on December 2, 2015, and those same officers are the ones committed to ensuring the safety of our community today. The Department continues to implement a Retaliation Protocol, aimed at stopping the cycle of retaliation, and officer schedules have been adjusted to maximize deployment efforts to reduce or end the violent spike in our community. The Department is also deploying various collaboration and cooperation methods with all of our County partners.

It is important for our community to band together to end the cycle of violence. Our recovery is dependent upon our ability to adequately protect the San Bernardino community.

It is well known that San Bernardino requires additional resources to adequately provide the level of police service necessary for our community. Our Recovery Plan clearly addresses this need. Current funding for our Department falls well below the average compared with other similarly sized California cities with high rates of crime. We must invest in our Police Department, and provide them with the funding required to adequately protect and respond to the needs of our community. Protecting the community must remain the top priority for San Bernardino.

I stand by our Police Chief and our San Bernardino Police Officers as they continue protecting our community. I strongly encourage residents and stakeholders to band with our public safety officials as they focus their efforts into creating a safe and peaceful environment; the community's support will be a vital component as we move forward in our public safety efforts.

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