

California Organization of Police and Sheriffs



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Dear Candidate:

Several weeks ago we sent you a questionnaire regarding your views in the areas of importance to law enforcement officers. To date, we have received no answer to the questionnaire nor a desire to present your views at the COPS endorsement meeting.

If you are interested in the COPS endorsement, I would ask that you respond to the questionnaire and advise our office as soon as possible if you intend to be present at the meeting.

I realize your schedule at this time must be extremely busy, however, it would help us considerably if you will take the time to assist us in this matter.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

C. O. P. S.

William J. Hemby
Executive Secretary

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Enclosure: Questionnaire

Q U E S T I O N N A I R E

The California Organization of Police & Sheriffs is preparing its General Election endorsement program.

You can aid COPS in its selection of candidates by answering the below questions. (Please place any comments you may have regarding the following questions on a separate sheet and attach.)

(1) Mandatory Sentencing Laws - imposes prescribed prison terms for certain felonies ; i.e., murder, rape, robbery, burglary, sale of heroin.

I SUPPORT DO NOT SUPPORT such legislation.

(2) Collective Bargaining With Binding Arbitration For All Issues -- Such Legislation Limited to Police Officers and Firefighters - would require police associations and firefighter unions to submit unresolved issues to third-party arbitration; decisions by the arbitrator would be binding.

I SUPPORT DO NOT SUPPORT such legislation.

(3) Uniform Retirement System for Public Safety Officers - would create a state-wide retirement system for all police, deputy sheriffs and firefighters; i.e., retirement at 50% with 20 years service, 8% cost of living increase per year, maximum 30 years at 80%--no age requirement.

I SUPPORT DO NOT SUPPORT such legislation.

(4) Redefine Peace Officer Status in Penal Code - would amend the Penal Code to set up one class of peace officer; i.e., local and state police officers, deputy sheriffs, marshalls only--all others would be classified as "Security Officers" and not entitled to same powers, retirement benefits, disability, etc.

I SUPPORT DO NOT SUPPORT such legislation.

(5) Strengthen Provisions of M.M.B. Act - Myers, Milias, Brown Act sets up conditions for collective bargaining. Some feel binding arbitration (see Question 2) is too restrictive; strengthening M.M.B. Act would force cities to bargain in good faith; set up a state-wide panel to decide disputes although their decisions would not be binding on either party.

I SUPPORT DO NOT SUPPORT such legislation.

(6) Hand Gun Control - bans the sale of handguns to all but peace officers and collectors.

I SUPPORT DO NOT SUPPORT such legislation.

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PLEASE COMPLETE IMMEDIATELY AND MAIL IN ENCLOSED SELF-ADDRESSED ENVELOPE.

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August 17, 1976

Dear Candidate:

The California Organization of Police & Sheriffs will hold its General Membership Endorsement Meeting on Saturday, September 25, 1976, at the TowneHouse Hotel, 8th and Market Streets, San Francisco, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

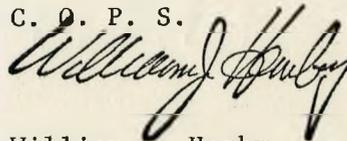
You are cordially invited to attend our meeting and express your views and concerns to our members. Because of the large number of candidates running, each candidate can only be allowed a five minute discussion and question and answer period.

Law enforcement officers are extremely interested in working for those candidates who will assist them in their struggle to bring the best protection possible to California. Additionally, we are concerned about our own livelihood and working conditions.

I sincerely hope you can take the time from your busy schedule to appear at the COPS endorsement meeting. We look forward to hearing from you in the near future in order that the necessary scheduling may be made.

Very truly yours,

C. O. P. S.



William J. Hemby
Executive Secretary

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