The City of San Diego
OFFICE OF THE CITY COUNCIL

March 17, 2017

The Honorable Edmund G. Brown, Jr.
Governor of California
State Capitol Building
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Proposed Cuts to State Law Enforcement POST Training Reimbursement Funds

Dear Governor Brown:

We are writing to express our concerns with the current proposal to significantly reduce the funding allocations for police officer training mandated by the California Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST).

The current State FY 2017-2018 Proposed Budget has outlined over $13 million in cuts for POST training reimbursements to local governments as well as funding for police officer training relating to implicit bias and procedural justice. The local impact for the City of San Diego is estimated to be a reduction of over $200,000 in annual reimbursements.

We are deeply concerned about the impact this reduction will have on our City's police training capabilities. Our City is committed to providing San Diego Police Department officers with the most extensive and comprehensive training possible to ensure officers can offer the highest quality of service to our communities. Any cuts to reimbursements for mandated POST training may impact our City's ability to fund additional training programs.

We urge you to reconsider these proposed cuts and help local governments like San Diego continue to offer comprehensive training for its police officers and ensuring community trust in our Police Department.

Sincerely,

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Councilmember, District 1

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cc: State Legislature, San Diego Delegation

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