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Senator Aisha Wahab
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Senate Bill 400
SUPPORT

Dear Senator Wahab:

The Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office is pleased to support Senate Bill 400 (Wahab).

SB 400 intends to improve police accountability and strengthen the trust between law enforcement agencies and the communities they serve. To that end, the bill provides that an agency that formerly employed a peace officer or custodial officer is not prohibited from disclosing to the public the termination for cause of that officer for certain specified incidents.

SB 400 applies to terminations for cause for incidents that fall under one of the categories of disclosable peace officer records set forth under existing law. These include incidents involving the discharge of a firearm at a person or use of force against a person resulting in death or great bodily injury, and sustained findings involving excessive or unreasonable force, failure to intervene in another officer's excessive or unreasonable force, sexual assault, dishonesty, discrimination based on protected class, or an unlawful arrest or search.

Whereas under existing law it is unclear whether disclosable information related to a termination for cause can be made public without the trigger of CPRA request, this bill allows for the affirmative disclosure of limited information related to a termination for cause based on specific conduct or sustained findings of specific conduct.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Tamar Tokat in our Legislative Office at 916-442-0668.

Very Truly Yours,

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