



# LOS ANGELES COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

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The Honorable James Ramos  
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### **ASSEMBLY BILL 1863 (RAMOS) SUPPORT**

Dear Assembly Member Ramos:

The Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office is pleased to support Assembly Bill 1863.

AB 1863 bill requires the CHP, in consultation with tribal nations, the Department of Justice (DOJ), and representatives from specified law enforcement associations, to develop policies and procedures specifying how a law enforcement agency and a broadcaster participating in the Emergency Alert System must proceed technologically, such as how to transfer information and which event codes to use, after a missing person meeting the criteria for a Feather Alert is identified.

The America's Missing: Broadcast Emergency Response (AMBER) Alert was California's first alert system to help find missing persons, allowing CHP to activate the Emergency Alert System in certain cases when a child under the age of 17 or individual with a proven mental or physical disability has been abducted and is in imminent danger of serious bodily injury or death. Subsequent alert systems for public notification include the (a) Blue Alert when a law enforcement officer is attacked, (b) Silver Alert when a person aged 65 or older or a person with developmental disabilities or cognitive impairment is missing, (c) Feather Alert when an indigenous person is abducted or kidnapped, and (d) Yellow Alert to aid in apprehending a person involved in a hit-and-run crash causing death.

Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons is at an all-time high in the State of California. This crisis has been plaguing California tribes for many years. The Feather Alert created in 2022 was meant to aid in this problem, however, there have been unforeseen obstacles to its implementation. While it is not unusual for there to be unforeseen implementation issues, it is imperative that these issues be resolved expeditiously.

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The number of missing and murdered indigenous persons is at an all time high in the State of California, so it is critical that the implementation issues that have hindered the effectiveness of the Feather Alert program are properly addressed. For these reasons, our Office is pleased to support Assembly Bill 1859.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact Daniel Felizzatto in my Sacramento Legislative Office at (916) 442-0668.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "George Gascón", written in a cursive style.

GEORGE GASCÓN  
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