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The Honorable Aisha Wahab
Senate Public Safety Committee, Chair
1020 N Street, Room 545
Sacramento, CA 95814

**ASSEMBLY BILL 1954 (ALANIS)
SUPPORT
Senate Public Safety Committee
Hearing Date: June 11, 2024**

Dear Senator Wahab:

The Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office is pleased to support Assembly Bill 1954 (Alanis).

AB 1954 mandates, when determining a conditionally released SVP's "county of domicile," and subsequent placement, that a sheriff or chief police chief, the county counsel, and the district attorney of a proposed alternative placement locality to provide assistance and consultation to the Department of States Hospitals (DSH) for the process of locating and securing housing for a sexually violent predator, and requires the notice to the police chief, sheriff, District Attorney, or the county's designated counsel of a SVP's conditional or unconditional release be made by email and certified mail.

AB 1954 requires a higher level of engagement from critical parties with knowledge of the communities being considered and a better form of notification in that process. These changes help ensure that the counties considered for placement of the SVP have the necessary input and notification to prepare for placement of the SVP and can offer them sufficient housing and treatment.

Existing law requires DSH to convene a committee consisting of the counsel for the committed individual, the sheriff or the chief of police of the locality for placement, and the county counsel and the district attorney of the county of domicile, or their designees, to provide assistance and consultation to the department in locating and securing housing. However, there is no requirement for a similar committee to be convened when an SVP is being considered for placement in an alternative placement county.

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AB 1954 fixes a technical issue in existing law that requires the law enforcement, DA and County Counsel of the county of domicile consult with DSH about an SVP placement but does not specifically require the same level of consultation if an alternative county of domicile is selected by a court.

Our Office also believes that requiring DSH to send notification of a SVP's conditional or unconditional release by certified mail, will help ensure that public safety officials and critical parties to these cases are properly and sufficiently notified.

For these reasons, our Office is pleased to support AB 1954 (Alanis).

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 "Gascón", written in a cursive style.

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cc: Assembly Member Jones-Sawyer
Eric Csizmar, Senate Republican Caucus