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August 16, 2021

Mr. Kirk Bunch
Commission on POST
Attention: Rulemaking
860 Stillwater Road, Suite 100
West Sacramento, CA 95605-1630

**RE: OPPOSE "REGULATORY ACTION – AMEND COMMISSION REGULATION 1005(A)
MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR TRAINING FOR DISTRICT ATTORNEY INVESTIGATORS**

Dear Commissioners and Administrative Law Judge:

The purpose of this letter is to OPPOSE the "Regulatory Action – Amend Commission Regulation 1005(a) Minimum Standards for Training for District Attorney Investigators."

It would effectively lower the standards for District Attorney Investigators. In an era when there is increased public demand for advanced training and improved professionalism, it is counter intuitive for POST to deliberately lower professional standards.

The Fontana Police Officers Association represents all Fontana Police Officers, Detectives and Corporals. Our detectives, and I am one of them, have enjoyed an excellent working relationship with the San Bernardino County District Attorney's Office, including the highly professional District Attorney Investigators (DAI).

We have read several cogent arguments in opposition, including one from the Office of the Sacramento District Attorney. They clearly explain why the change in regulations should not occur. To repeat those arguments here, we believe, is not necessary. Our sole purpose in writing this letter is to register our opposition the proposed regulatory changes.

There is no evidence that the changes would "increase the efficiency of the state of California in delivering services to stakeholders."

Most District Attorney Investigators have been field police officers and detectives prior to becoming a DAI. They bring with them valuable training and experience which in fact does

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increase their efficiency and their ability to work with other municipal detectives. Therefore, we urge the POST Commission and the Office of Administrative Law to reject this proposal.

A simple solution is to create a course where a person who has completed the POST Specialized Investigators Basic Course, could make up for the deficiencies in their training by completing the requirements of the POST Regular Basic Course.

We respectfully ask that you do not lower the standards for DAIs; instead, raise the standards for those who want to be a DAI.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'CM', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

CHRIS MACIS, President