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CDAA SUPPORTS STRATEGIC INITIATIVE ON CRIME AND RECIDIVISM REDUCTION

(Sacramento, Calif.) – The California District Attorneys Association (CDAA) announced today that it supports Attorney General Kamala D. Harris’ Strategic Initiative on Crime and Recidivism Reduction.

CDAA continues to be engaged in assisting prosecutors and our law enforcement partners with the transition of the new sentencing laws adopted in 2011, known as Public Safety Realignment. Realignment has meant housing thousands of convicted felons in local jails rather than in state prisons. This has led to some local jails having to contend with overcrowding and a lack of support services. Additionally, many new sentencing schemes now exist, resulting in more instances of home detention and, in some cases, early release in order to relieve jail overcrowding.

One solution is to enhance the state’s efforts to reduce the incidence of recidivism, which refers to those previously convicted who relapse into crime after being released from custody. Attorney General Harris’ initiative concentrates on making programmatic and data-analysis support available to district attorney offices throughout the state in order to identify opportunities to reduce the number of repeat offenders and effectively reduce jail and prison populations.

CDAA is committed to working with partners such as the Attorney General in an effort to relieve, reduce, and eliminate stresses to local resources while strengthening the protection of the state’s citizenry. According to CDAA President and Monterey County District Attorney Dean D. Flippo, “Attorney General Harris’ initiative is a broadminded plan that offers support to district attorney offices across the state. CDAA and the more than 5,000 prosecutors in California are uniquely qualified to recognize and address the liabilities that have become apparent since the launch of Realignment in 2011. We see the Attorney General’s initiative as an important and viable instrument in the effort to make Realignment a more sustainable and safe goal for California”

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