



## Chief Probation Officers of California

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### **Chief Probation Officers of California Applaud Governor's Promise of Critical Funding for Probation Services**

*Governor Commits to Enhanced Funding for Probation as He Signs Prison Reform Agreement*

**SACRAMENTO** – While signing a bi-partisan prison reform agreement today, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger reaffirmed his commitment to aggressively pursuing many aspects of his prison reforms not contained in the deal – including critical funding for probation services.

“We strongly commend the Governor for once again highlighting his commitment to probation and his leadership in providing a continuum of care in our corrections system,” Chief Kim Barrett, President of Chief Probation Officers of California said. “Looking at the system as a whole is critical to solving our state’s prison crisis. We see great significance in the fact that Governor Schwarzenegger used today’s signing ceremony as an opportunity to highlight his commitment to important reforms that were not contained in the deal including critical probation funding. We know the Governor will make good on his promise to provide \$50 million next year for probation services that will increase public safety, protect potential victims of crime and benefit communities.”

In his proposed 2007-2008 state budget, Governor Schwarzenegger included \$50 million for local probation services with an increase to \$100 million in 2009-2010.

“We have a model that we know works, and we know it can provide immediate and long term relief to the state system. We are gratified to know that Governor Schwarzenegger understands the critical role probation plays in the prison reform picture.” Said Jerry Powers, Immediate Past President of CPOC.

“California is one of the only states that funds its probation departments with local tax revenues,” Dr. Barry Krisberg, President of National Council on Crime and Delinquency (NCCD) has said. “The state has ignored supervision and treatment on the local level for too long.”

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