



September 15, 2023

The Honorable Gavin Newsom
Governor of the State of California
1021 O Street, 9th Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SUPPORT OF AB 791 – POST CONVICTION BAIL

Dear Governor Newsom:

The Inland Empire Coalition of Mayors, comprised of mayors from cities in San Bernardino and Riverside counties, wish to express our strong support for Assembly Bill 791: Post Conviction Bail. We believe this legislation is a commonsense measure which will improve public safety in our communities.

AB-791, sponsored by Assemblymember Ramos, prohibits a person convicted of an offense punishable by life without possibility of parole from being released on bail pending sentencing or appeal. While Penal Code sections 1166 and 1272 address convicted murder defendants facing death sentences, the statutes do not explicitly address convicted murder defendants facing Life Without the Possibility of Parole (LWOP). By providing clarity to these legal provisions and addressing LWOP, AB 791 protects the public and ensures these individuals remain in custody pending sentencing.

After speaking with many community leaders, residents, and stakeholders, we believe there is a strong consensus that AB-791 is a crucial piece of legislation that deserves your support. Our local law enforcement agencies, community organizations, and concerned residents have all voiced their support for this bill, recognizing its potential to enhance public safety and improve the quality of life in our state.

We commend Assemblymember Ramos for bringing this bill through the legislature following the tragic death of Riverside County Deputy Isaiah Cordero in December of 2022, and we strongly urge your support for this bill.

Respectfully submitted,



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