



RESOLUTION NO. 2008-42

RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO GOVERNOR SCHWARZENEGGER'S PROPOSED 2008-09 BUDGET CUTS TO LAW ENFORCEMENT

Whereas, as proposed by Governor Schwarzenegger, across the board cuts to law enforcement could have a devastating impact on public safety; and

Whereas, law enforcement is plagued by crisis levels of methamphetamine use and distribution, violent criminal street gang activity, mental health and substance abuse issues that complicate criminal trends; and

Whereas, one of those proposed cuts is the early release of 22,000 convicted felons; and

Whereas, despite being labeled as "low-level" or "non-violent" felons prisoners eligible for early release could include thieves, forgers, D.U.I offenders and drug dealers; and

Whereas, budget cuts will also include the loss of 6,000 jobs in California's prisons which could cripple the ability of the California Corrections department to effectively run the prison system; and

Whereas, the California District Attorneys Association, the California Narcotic Officers Association, the California Peace Officers' Association, the California Police Chiefs Association, the California State Sheriffs' Association and the Chief Probation Officers of California all oppose these budget cuts;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that we, the City of Fresno, do hereby express our opposition to Governor Schwarzenegger's proposed 2008-09 budget cuts to law enforcement.

CLERK'S CERTIFICATION

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF FRESNO) ss
CITY OF FRESNO)

I, REBECCA E. KLISCH, City Clerk of the City of Fresno, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Council of the City of Fresno, California at a regular meeting held on the 4th day of March, 2008.

Adopted _____
Approved 3/4/08
Effective _____

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AYES : Dages, Duncan, Perea, Sterling, Westerlund
NOES : Calhoun, Xiong
ABSTAIN : None
ABSENT : None



Mayor Approval: _____ N/A _____, 2008
Mayor Approval/No Return: _____ N/A _____, 2008
Mayor Veto: _____ N/A _____, 2008
Council Override Vote: _____ N/A _____, 2008

REBECCA E. KLISCH
City Clerk

By: Rebecca E. Klisch
Deputy

