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The Honorable Isaac G. Bryan  
California State Assembly  
1021 O Street, Suite 5630  
Sacramento, CA 95814

### **Re: AB 946 (Bryan) Chief probation officer: designee – OPPOSE**

Dear Assemblymember Bryan:

On behalf of the County of Monterey, we write to inform you of our opposition to AB 946 which seeks to authorize the board of supervisors of a county with a population of at least 3.5 million people, to delegate to a county department involved in youth development all of the duties and authorities in both the juvenile system as well as adult probation services provided in the criminal justice system that are statutorily imparted to probation departments and probation officers.

Specifically, this bill would redirect the authority and provision of services provided by probation to a non-public safety entity. This redirection of authority would include the operation of juvenile halls and camps which provide supervision and care for youth with the most serious and violent offenses including youth and young adults realigned from the State Division of Juvenile Justice closure, supervision of individuals released from state prison onto Post Release Community Supervision, supervision of individuals on felony and mandatory supervision, and making recommendations to the court.

Our Probation Department has extensive training and experience in evidence-based approaches to working with youth, young adults, adults and we are deeply concerned not only about the potential impacts of this bill on community safety, service coordination at the county level, coordination with the courts, and the justice system's ability to function effectively, but also about similar impacts to recipient departments and the constituencies they serve.

County probation has long been a cornerstone of the juvenile and criminal justice systems serving juveniles, emerging adults, and adults adjudicated or convicted of offenses ranging from minor misdemeanors to serious and violent felonies. Probation departments have built critical bridges in counties across the state between courts, county entities, and non-governmental organizations.

To redirect these responsibilities would impact and disrupt local service continuity, create public safety risks, and negatively impact the community safety services to balance safety and treatment for youth and adults. It raises many questions around community safety, local coordination among entities, training requirements, fiscal impacts, and ensuring that state policies governing the juvenile and criminal justice systems are carried out locally. For these reasons, we must oppose AB 946.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Monterey County's Public Policy Advisor, Ashley Walker of Nossaman LLP, at 916-442-8888.



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Sincerely,

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**Chris M. Lopez, Chair**  
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cc:      The Honorable John Laird, 17th Senate District  
          The Honorable Robert Rivas, 29th Assembly District  
          The Honorable Dawn Addis, 30th Assembly District  
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