



TBOC Newsletter

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Bureaucracy Postpones Keeping CA Safe Act to 2020

To qualify for the November 2018 ballot, 365,880 valid signatures were required for the Reducing Crime and Keeping CA Safe Act. More than 570,000 signatures were collected and submitted and ultimately 421,198 were counted as valid; however, because several County Registrars of Voters failed to validate signatures by the deadline, the Act failed to qualify for the November 2018 ballot.

The signature turn in date should not be faulted for the failure, especially considering that counties with a much larger number of signatures received, including Los Angeles with more than 176,000 signatures, were able to complete the process in time. At the time of the deadline, the measure fell short by just 19,000 of the required validated signatures.

The CA Secretary of State has announced however, that the measure has qualified and will appear on the November 2020 ballot.

LADDA: ["Crime Initiative Thwarted by Registrar's Bureaucracy"](#) July 7, 2018.
CA Secretary of State: [November 2020 Eligible Statewide Ballot Measures](#)

Follow TBOC on Social Media

The coalition has launched official social media pages to help raise awareness about the issues surrounding AB 109, Prop 47 and Prop 57. We are developing a social media outreach strategy to implement in the coming weeks and need your help spreading the word! Please like and follow us on our new pages and share the contents with your agency's constituents.

- **Twitter:**
<https://twitter.com/TakingBackCA>
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- **YouTube:**
<https://tinyurl.com/y9e4p6h8>
- **TBOC Video Link to Share:**
<https://tinyurl.com/ybtennkr>



New Agreement with Tony Rice



A new agreement with Tony Rice is in the works to assist with our legislative tracking/analysis and lobbying efforts. Tony has been engaged in politics in Sacramento for 23+ years, working in the 1990's for then Senate President Pro Tempore, Bill Lockyer and Assemblymember Carole Migden while she was the Chair of the powerful Assembly Appropriations Committee. After establishing himself in the Capitol, he left in 2000 to join the Lobbying Corps where he specialized in local governments and transportation providers. In 2006, Tony established his own firm and has been honored to work for numerous quality clients over the years, with specific emphasis in the Los Angeles area. Since opening his firm, he has specialized in representing local governments (cities specifically) and law enforcement. His experience both inside and outside the halls of the Capital will serve the organization well and we look forward to collaborating with him and his firm to enhance our efforts.





June 7, 2018 - The Los Angeles County Division of the League of California Cities held a meeting focused on the ongoing public safety issues in California amidst rising crime rates, including presentations on the Reducing Crime & Keeping California Safe Act and the Taking Back Our Community Coalition, led by Monrovia's City Manager, Oliver Chi.

State Legislators Continue to Stymie Common-Sense Crime Fixes in Favor of New Status Quo

According to the San Francisco Chronicle, there were over 31,000 reports of car break-ins in San Francisco last year. Of those, less than 2 percent led to arrests, and even less were prosecuted. To address the skyrocketing car burglary problem plaguing the San Francisco area, Senator Scott Weiner proposed SB 816, closing the loophole that views a broken window as circumstantial evidence that a vehicle was locked. Currently, if prosecutors can't prove the car's doors were locked, usually by witness testimony, it is considered misdemeanor theft, rather than a felony. SB 816 would have allowed prosecutors to show forcible entry by proving that a door was locked or that a window was broken.

Although SB 816 received no formal opposition, the proposed bill died in the Senate Appropriations Committee without any formal vote, showing once again that the State Legislature has no appetite for addressing the rise in crime.

Read More: [Car break-in crackdown bill made perfect sense. California Lawmakers killed it](#)

Membership Updates

Taking Back Our Community is appreciative of all the cities who have joined the coalition thus far. We are pleased to report, the coalition continues to grow. Please welcome the newest member, the **City of Rancho Palos Verdes**.



As TBOC moves forward, we would like to hear back from members. If there are crime-victim stories from your community or updated statistics that you are willing to share with the group or even perhaps have featured in an upcoming marketing video, please let us know by forwarding an email to: Info@TakingBackOurCommunityCA.com.

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