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## **Statement on Passage of Prop. 57**

**SACRAMENTO** – “We are thrilled the people of California have agreed that there is a better way to protect public safety and reduce recidivism” said Chief Mark Bonini, President of the Chief Probation Officers of California. “Probation Chiefs look forward to working with the Governor and CDCR on the implementation of Prop. 57 and lending our expertise in evidence based programming and rehabilitative strategies.

The passage of Prop. 57 has created a huge opportunity for a continuum of true rehabilitation to take place in our criminal justice system. However, the hard work starts now. We must create a program within CDCR that is evidence based, provides real incentives for change and accurately weighs rehabilitation milestones for credits.

We are also pleased to see the voters support the need for judges to be involved in deciding which juveniles are charged as adults. With such a life altering impact, its important all the facts are present to ensure a fair and balanced decision is made. We thank the Governor for his leadership and vision in keeping California communities safe.”

*The Chief Probation Officers of California, are an association of all 58 counties with a shared identity as law enforcement leaders. We are committed to a research-based approach to public safety that promotes positive behavior change. Our leadership guides policy and practice in the areas of prevention, community-based corrections, secure detention and direct human services. Our goal is to prevent crime and delinquency, reduce recidivism, restore victims and promote healthy families and communities. We proudly serve our Counties and Courts.*

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