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California Probation Services Week

Probation professionals play a unique and essential role in California's criminal and juvenile justice systems, keeping communities safe by providing justice-involved individuals with accountability, support, services, and tools necessary to safely and successfully reenter society. Probation departments address the root causes of crime through individualized supervision and supports that reduce recidivism, leaving a profound impact on community safety and well-being.

California's probation officers are highly trained and dedicated professionals, with the majority holding college degrees, and all receiving extensive, ongoing training to manage the complex needs and trauma of offenders, while also providing the supervision and support necessary for a successful reentry and safer communities. Reflecting and understanding the diversity and needs of the communities they protect, nearly three-fourths of officers are nonwhite and about half are women.

California is safer because probation officers ensure individuals serving their time or reentering communities have the tools, services, support and supervision they need to be safe and successful. During Probation Services Week, we recognize and commend the critical role of California's probation professionals, and honor their ongoing dedication to justice, rehabilitation, and community safety.

Sincerely,

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