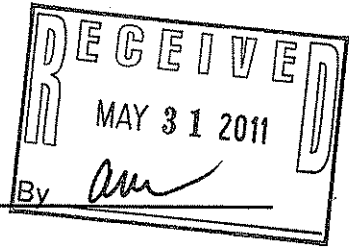


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**SPEAKER 3: CTI STUDY**



Good morning Councilmembers. My name is \_\_\_\_\_  
and I am a \_\_\_\_\_ with the LA Airport Police.

This morning I'd like to submit into the record the study conducted by CTI – a nationally respected aviation security consulting firm. The study, that at the cost of \$900,000 to LAWA, reviewed the unified command at LAX and the feasibility of a merger between Airport Police and LAPD.

Not only did the study advocate that the agencies remain separate as did the voters of Los Angeles when they voted down Measure A, but according to interviews performed as part of the study, CTI found that the Airport Police are – quote - “one of the most formidable airport police agencies in the country” and “one of the largest and best trained police agencies in country.”

The study also states that the Airport Police not only receive the same quality training as other police officers, but also receive additional specialized aviation security training. In fact, it's important to note that the LA Airport Police are certified in aviation security training and train other police agencies throughout the state – including LAPD - as well as 49 major airports throughout the US such as Chicago, New York, Dulles, Denver and Dallas.

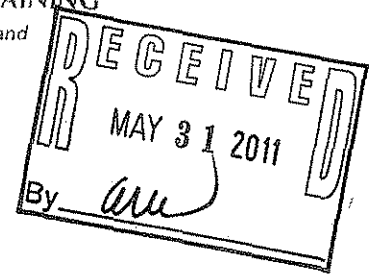
And yet, although we provide training to other officers throughout the state, the US and Canada, and we are the first line of defense in protecting what is considered to be a key terrorist target, we don't have the same authorities as other police agencies responsible for protecting California airports and harbors.

AB 1377 would rectify that.

Thank you.

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June 13, 2005

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Bernard J. Wilson, Chief of Police  
Los Angeles World Airport  
1 World Way  
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Dear Chief Wilson:

Penal Code Sections 13540-43 require that persons who desire to obtain peace officer status shall request the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) to undertake a feasibility study pertaining to the peace officer designation.

On July 30, 2002, you requested a peace officer feasibility study to change the designation of the Los Angeles World Airport Police Department from Penal Codes Section 830.33 to Penal Code Section 830.1.

The feasibility study is completed and the final report and recommendation is enclosed. The report fully describes the study and includes an Executive Summary for your convenience.

Pursuant to Penal Code Section 13543, a copy of the study report and recommendation is submitted to the Legislature.

If you want to discuss the report, please call Bureau Chief Jack E. Garner at (916) 227-4805.

Sincerely,

KENNETH J. O'BRIEN  
Executive Director

Enclosure

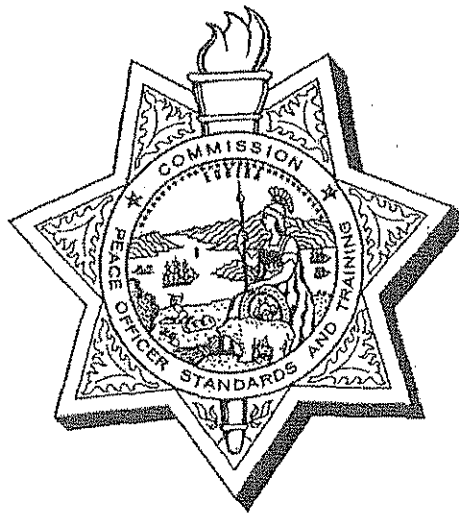
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**A Report to the Legislature  
and the  
Los Angeles Airport Police Department  
on  
Peace Officer Feasibility Study**

**Required by:**

**Sections 13540-42, Penal Code**

**June 1, 2005**



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# LOS ANGELES WORLD AIRPORTS FEASIBILITY STUDY

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

### BACKGROUND OF THE PEACE OFFICER FEASIBILITY STUDY

#### Penal Code Sections 13540-42

- Requires the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) to conduct feasibility studies for persons requesting peace officer designation under the Penal Code 830(x)...
- authorizes POST to charge a fee.....
- Allows persons who are designated as a peace officers *who desire a change in peace officer designation or status* may request POST ...undertake a study to assess the need for the change in designation or status....and focused on:
  - current and proposed duties and responsibilities;
  - field law enforcement duties and responsibilities; and
  - the extent to which current duties and responsibilities require additional peace officer power and authority.

#### Request for Study

On July 30, 2002, POST received a letter from Bernard J. Wilson, Chief of Police for the Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) police, requesting a peace officer feasibility study.

The scope of the request was for POST to assess the need for a change in status for the Airport Police from Penal Code Section 830.33(d) to Penal Code Section 830.1. A contract was signed on July 25, 2003, agreeing to proceed with the study.

#### Methodology

Interviews were conducted with police and sheriffs' departments, with LAWA airports in their respective jurisdictions, federal agencies, airport executive staff, and with LAWA peace officers.

Staff reviewed procedures, policies, operational orders, crime statistics, and crime reports for the LAWA police and local agencies; as well as current laws, federal regulations, court case decisions, and Attorney General opinions regarding airport police responsibilities.

During the study, an additional study was conducted by CTI Consultants on the issues associated with merging the LAWA Police Department into the Los Angeles Police Department. The \$900,000 study concluded that the merger was undesirable. POST staff were interviewed as part of the CTI study.

## SCOPE OF AIRPORT OPERATIONS

The Los Angeles World Airports authority operates four airports in the greater Los Angeles area; Los Angeles Airport, Ontario Airport, Van Nuys Airport and Palmdale Airport. The largest, LAX, handles 65,000,000 people on an annual basis and is considered the fourth largest airport in the world in volume. LAX airport also has 2,000 residents that live in areas adjacent to and owned by the airport, particularly in an area designated Manchester Village. LAX has been and is still considered a major terrorist target.

Ontario Airport in the City of Ontario is primarily an intrastate airport, but sees millions of passengers annually, with substantial yearly growth. Van Nuys airport is a general aviation airport with extensive executive aircraft traffic, but no scheduled flights. Palmdale airport is a general aviation and business airport. Airlines have offered scheduled flights to Palmdale, but none are currently operating.

All of the airports are policed by the Los Angeles Airport Police with contracts for some services allocated to the Los Angeles Police Department. LAWA police responded to approximately 73,100 calls for service in 2003. The crimes most often committed inside the terminals are weapons or drug violations in the passenger screening areas. The crime most often committed outside the screening areas is theft in the terminal or parking lot area. The total number of arrests was 1,087.

## LOS ANGELES WORLD AIRPORTS POLICE

The Los Angeles World Airport Police are established under Penal Code Section 830.33.

Los Angeles City Charter sections 630-636 describe and define the duties and responsibilities of the Department of Airports. Section 636 states, "*The Airport Police shall remain under the independent and autonomous control of the Department of Airports.*" Section 633 gives the General Manager (now called the Executive Director) of the Airports the power to carry out the duties delegated by the Airport Commission, whose members are appointed by the Mayor.

### **Los Angeles International Airport (LAX)**

The LAWA police at LAX have a total of 793 personnel, of which approximately 332 are sworn peace officers. They are commanded by Bernard Wilson, who is a City of Los Angeles Chief Special Officer II and has a title of Chief of Police. Chief Wilson reports through channels to the Executive Director of the Airports.

LAX contracts with the Los Angeles Police Department to provide an additional 35-40 full-time officers to supplement their LAWA police for patrol. These officers provide approximately four patrol officers per shift, as well as sergeants, lieutenants, and a captain. Additionally, depending on the federal terrorism alert level, the Los Angeles Police Department assigns a special detail of officers for traffic control checkpoints coordinated by the LAWA police. Los Angeles Police Department officers are also assigned as special security to boarding access areas. Other officers from the Los Angeles Police Department work jointly with the LAWA police in bomb detection, organized crime, drug, and cargo theft task forces.

LAWA police also provide response to the Manchester properties, an area of homes adjacent to and owned by the airport. The area contains over 2,000 residents living in properties purchased by LAWA as part of a noise mitigation settlement. All emergency calls from this area are routed to the LAWA police.

### **Ontario International Airport**

The Penal Code Section 830.33(d) peace officers at Ontario Airport are comprised of one Chief Special Officer I, seven Senior Special Officers, ten Special Officers, and 60 Safety Officers. The 60 Safety Officers work as firemen 66% of the time; their available hours would be comparable to approximately 20 full-time peace officers. It also has 54 non-peace officer staff. The Chief Special Officer reports to the Ontario Airport Manager.

The primary law enforcement function of the Ontario Airport Police is the patrol of the airport runways, surrounding property, and inside the terminals utilizing canines trained for bomb detection, along with foot and vehicle patrols to protect lives and property.

### **Van Nuys Airport**

The Penal Code Section 830.33(d) peace officers are a Principal Special Officer (lieutenant) who is the officer-in-charge, three Senior Special Officers (sergeants), and 11 Special Officer III (officers). The Principal Special Officer reports directly to the Van Nuys Airport Manager.

The Van Nuys Airport has no commercial service. Its business base is both private and chartered aircraft. The primary duties and responsibilities of the officers are to patrol the airfield and the commercial buildings.

### **Lancaster/Palmdale Regional Airport**

At the time of the study, there were no LAWA officers assigned to the Lancaster/Palmdale Regional Airport.

### **2003 CRIME STATISTICS FOR LAWA POLICE**

#### **Los Angeles International Airport**

LAWA police handled 56,717 call for service in 2003. Of the 956 arrests made in 2003, 57% were for felony crimes. Of the 2,093 crimes reported for 2003:

- 803 were for robbery, theft, and burglary;
- 72 were for assault;
- 47 were for bomb and criminal threats;
- 357 were for drug and weapons violations; and
- 107 were for driving and commercial vehicle violations.

#### **Ontario**

LAWA police responded to 15,603 calls for service in 2003. Of these, 121 arrests were made resulting in either a citation or a booking. Of the 121 arrests:

- 76 were for violations from drunk in public to armed robbery, but the majority were weapons violations discovered during passenger screening;
- 25 were for drug violations discovered during passenger screening;
- 11 were for driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol; and
- 3 were for driving a stolen vehicle.
- 6 were the service of warrants for other offenses

Additionally in 2003, the LAWA police at Ontario Airport investigated 16 traffic accidents, issued 19 vehicle citations, and impounded 97 vehicles.

#### **Van Nuys**

LAWA police at the Van Nuys Airport issued 669 parking citations and impounding 100 illegally parked or unauthorized vehicles. This accounted for approximately 90% of the total activity. (No records are kept of the number of calls for service.) They investigated ten traffic accidents and also made 13 arrests, primarily on calls to assist other agencies.



## **INTERVIEWS**

### **LAWA Executive Director**

Kim Day, the LAWA Interim Executive Director, describes the primary function of the LAWA police as the protection of airport passengers, employees, airport facilities, and airport properties including residential areas in the City of Los Angeles and the surrounding area of the airports that impact airport operation. To accomplish these duties and responsibilities, she expects the LAWA police to deter crime, conduct follow-up, arrest suspects, and oversee traffic entering and leaving the airports.

### **LAX Chief of Police**

Chief Wilson believes the primary duties and responsibilities of the LAWA police has changed from security to anti-terrorism. It is the law enforcement agency in charge of the safety and security of more than 65 million annual customers and visitors, as well as more than 65,000 employees and residents in probably the highest visible terrorist target on the West Coast.

The Chief believes current laws are impeding his ability to perform his duties and responsibilities. He strongly believes:

- His position requires the authority to perform the duties and responsibilities of the federal Transportation Security Agency (TSA), including equipment to train for and to detect explosive devices.
- LAWA officers require the authority to possess and utilize the most modern weapons and equipment available to prevent, deter, or if needed overcome a terrorist attack at LAX or any airport.
- His officers require the authority to confiscate any weapon at the scene of domestic violence, no matter where it occurs.
- LAWA officers require the authority to issue a citation at the scene of a traffic accident if appropriate.
- LAWA officers require the authority to remove vehicles from the roadway if necessary.

### **LAWA Officers and Supervisors**

Interviews were conducted with 54 LAWA police at LAX, Ontario International, and Van Nuys airports to determine current duties and responsibilities and those duties and responsibilities requiring additional authority.

## **Ontario and Los Angeles Police Departments**

### Ontario Police Department

The Chief of Police believes the current and proposed duties and responsibilities of the LAWA police require Penal Code 830.1 designation so they can assume more of the work generated at the airport.

### Ex-Chief Los Angeles Police Department

The Chief of Police believes the police powers granted under Penal Code Section 830.33 are adequate and are wholly in keeping with the primary mission of aviation security. He did not support a change in status.

### **Local Allied Police and Sheriff Agencies**

Interviews were conducted with the Los Angeles County and San Bernardino County sheriffs' departments, and the Inglewood, Manhattan Beach, and Hawthorne police departments. These agencies believe the LAWA police have the same duties and responsibilities in handling any and all crimes, accidents, traffic problems, and security issues and calls for service as any police department. They believe, as allied agencies, their duties and responsibilities would be to assist the LAWA police in a support role.

As law enforcement officers, they believe the LAWA police duties and responsibilities would require the ability to possess and use assault-type weapons, possess and confiscate explosives, investigate bomb threats, mitigate unsafe vehicles from entering the airport, investigate and cite for traffic accidents, handle cases of domestic violence with the tools of any law enforcement agency, and issue permits for the transportation of explosives and hazardous waste in and around the airports.

### **Federal Agencies**

Interviews were conducted with representative of the FBI, Customs, and the Transportation Security Agency for LAX and the Ontario airports. They all believe additional authority is required for the safety and security of the traveling public. Some felt the duties and responsibilities of providing law enforcement services should be delegated to the Los Angeles Police Department.

These agencies believe the duties and responsibilities of the LAWA police today are to serve as the primary agency for law enforcement issues. They believe LAWA police need the same tools as any law enforcement agency to handle any incident at the airport. They believe the LAWA

police should have the authority to possess and use assault-type weapons, possess and confiscate explosives, investigate most bomb threats, mitigate unsafe vehicles from entering the airports, and issue permits for the transportation of explosives and hazardous waste in and around the airports.

## **DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

### **Duties and Responsibilities of the LAWA Police**

The duties and responsibilities of the LAWA peace officers flow directly from the Airport Commission.

### **Current Field Duties and Responsibilities**

The following were described as the current field duties and responsibilities within the scope of this study.

- LAWA officers at LAX and Ontario airports have bomb detection canines that require continual training and certification. To accomplish this, the LAWA officers are required to train with all explosives that might be encountered.
- LAWA officers' duties and responsibilities under Federal Transportation Security Agency (TSA) regulations require them to seize any suspected explosives or incendiaries device or material they encounter in or around the airports.
- As the first responders to any incident at the airports, the LAWA officers are required to take control and resolve the incident immediately. This response may require the use of special equipment and diversionary devices.
- As part of TSA regulations, the LAWA officers are required to conduct 10-year criminal history checks on all employees working at the airports.
- As part of their field duties and responsibilities, LAWA officers respond to domestic violence cases in the airport area and the property owned by the airport. As the first responders, they have the necessity to confiscate any object deemed dangerous.
- LAWA officers have the duties and responsibilities to protect the employees, visitors, and the property of the airport. As part of this duty, they are required to keep unsafe vehicles from entering the airport areas.
- For the security and effective operation of the airports, the LAWA officers are required to prevent "gridlock" from occurring on the road leading to and away from the airports.

- For security and safety of the airports, the LAWA officers have the duty to prevent, enforce, and investigate false bomb reports and other types of false information.
- Because of changing priorities, LAWA officers trained in traffic accident investigations are now being called upon to investigate traffic accidents in and around the airport property. As part of the duties and responsibilities of completing the accident investigation, they issue citations for misdemeanors and infractions.
- With the expansion of the Ontario Airport and the increased number of establishments serving alcoholic beverages, LAWA officers are required to inspect and enforce the sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages at the airport.

The following issues were identified as duties and responsibilities requiring *additional authority which would be provided by a Penal Code Section 830.1 designation*:

- The need to possess explosives for the training of canines for bomb detection.
- The requirement to seize explosives and incendiary devices, including any unclassified explosives.
- The necessity to possess diversionary devices to immediately control any incident at the airports.
- The requirement to conduct the background investigations on the people working at the airports under the Federal Transportation Security Agency regulations.
- The authority for officers to seize firearms or other deadly weapons at the scene of domestic violence calls in and around the airport terminals, in the residential areas owned by the airports, and in businesses under the control of LAWA.
- The responsibility to keep unsafe vehicles off the public roads in and around airport properties and prevent them from entering the airports (24004 VC).
- The function of preventing "gridlock" on the roads leading to and leaving the airports (22526 VC).
- The prevention, enforcement, and investigation of all laws of making false bomb reports and giving false information.
- The need to issue a citation to a person involved in a traffic accident where there is reasonable cause to believe the person has committed a vehicular misdemeanor or infraction (40600 VC).

- The authority to inspect and enforce the sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages at the airports.

## **CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATION**

### **Conclusions**

Following the analysis of the data, the review of current and required field law enforcement responsibilities, and the analysis of the peace officer authority of Penal Code sections 830.33 and 830.1, staff concludes:

1. LAWA is organized and performs as authorized by the Los Angeles City Charter.
2. LAWA Police Department performs duties and responsibilities that are required by federal, state, and local laws and ordinances.
3. The LAWA Police Department officers require additional powers and authority to perform the current duties and responsibilities.

### **Recommendation**

Based on the conclusions identified above, staff recommends the LAWA police officers be designated as peace officers pursuant to Penal Code Section 830.1.

**CLA MEMORANDUM**

For IGR on 4-28-06

April 27, 2006

**TO:** Honorable Members,  
Intergovernmental Relations Committee

**FROM:** Gerry F. Miller *Gerry Miller*  
Chief Legislative Analyst

C.F. 06-0002-S33  
Assignment No. 06-03-0361

**SUBJECT:** Peace Officer Status for Airport Police

**CLA RECOMMENDATION:** Include in the City's 2005-2006 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for AB 1882 (Frommer) and/or similar legislation, which would include any person regularly employed as an airport law enforcement officer by Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA, the Los Angeles Department of Airports) within the designation of peace officer under California Penal Code Section 830.1, as recommended by Resolution (Hahn-Rosendahl).

**SUMMARY:**

**Penal Code Designations of Peace Officers.** The California Penal Code defines different categories of peace officers, based on the types of authorities and responsibilities specified under different Penal Code sections.

Section 830.1. The peace officer status granted under Penal Code Section 830.1 provides the broadest police authority at the State level. This category includes:

- Any sheriff, undersheriff or deputy sheriff, employed in that capacity, of a county;
- Any chief of police of a city or chief, director or chief executive officer of a consolidated municipal public safety agency that performs police functions;
- Any police officer employed in that capacity and appointed by the chief of police or chief, director, or chief executive of a public safety agency of a city;
- Any chief of police or police officer of a district, including police officers of the San Diego Unified Port District Harbor Police, authorized by statute to maintain a police department;
- Any marshal or deputy marshal of a superior court or county;
- Any port warden or port police officer of the Harbor Department of the City of Los Angeles; or
- Any inspector or investigator employed in that capacity in the office of a district attorney.

Further, the authority granted to this category of peace officer extends to any place in the State:

- As to any public offense committed or which there is probable cause to believe has been committed within the political subdivision that employs the peace officer or in which the peace officer serves;
- Where the peace officer has the prior consent of the chief of police or chief, director or chief executive officer of a consolidated municipal public safety agency, or person

authorized by him or her to give consent, if the place is within a city or of the sheriff, or person authorized by him or her to give consent, if the place is within a county;

- As to any public offense committed or which there is probable cause to believe has been committed in the peace officer's presence, and with respect to which there is immediate danger to person or property, or of the escape of the perpetrator of such offense.

Section 830.33. The Los Angeles Airport Police currently are designated as peace officers under Penal Code Section 830.33. This section provides that the following persons are peace officers whose authority extends to any place in the State for the purpose of performing their primary duty or when making an arrest pursuant to Section 836 as to any public offense with respect to which there is immediate danger to person or property, or of the escape of the perpetrator of that offense, or pursuant to Section 8597 or 8598 of the Government Code. Those peace officers may carry firearms only if authorized and under terms and conditions specified by their employing agency. These peace officers include:

- Members of the San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District Police Department;
- Harbor or port police regularly employed and paid in that capacity by a county, city or district other than peace officers authorized under Section 830.1, if the primary duty of the peace officer is in the enforcement of the law in or about the properties owned, operated or administered by the harbor or port or when performing necessary duties with respect to patrons, employees and properties of the district;
- Transit police officers or peace officers of a county, city, transit development board, or district, if the primary duty of the peace officer is the enforcement of the law in or about properties owned, operated or administered by the employing agency or when performing necessary duties with respect to patrons, employees and properties of the employing agency;
- Any person regularly employed as an airport law enforcement officer by a city, county or district operating the airport or by a joint powers agency...operating the airport if the primary duty of the peace officer is the enforcement of the law in or about properties owned, operated, and administered by the employing agency or when performing necessary duties with respect to patrons, employees and properties of the employing agency.
- Any railroad police officer, as specified.

**Department's Original Request for Change in Designation.** In 2001, the Department of Airports asked the City to sponsor State legislation to change the Penal Code classification of the Airport Police from Section 830.33 to Section 830.1. The Department stated that this change would provide the Airport Police with enhanced peace officer authority, allowing the Airport Police to perform its law enforcement duties at the City's four airports with the same authority and powers as counterpart police officers of the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department, Los Angeles Police Department, Los Angeles Harbor Department and the Airport Police at San Francisco International Airport and San Diego International Airport, among others.

On May 3, 2002, the City Council chose instead to ask the Department of Airports to ask the State Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) to assess the need for the

requested change in peace officer designation, in compliance with Penal Code Sections 13540-13542. In late July 2002, the Chief of the Los Angeles Airport Police requested a study by the POST Commission to assess the need for a change in peace officer status.

POST Commission Study. The POST Commission undertook a lengthy study, which it submitted to the State Legislature and to the Los Angeles Airport Police on June 1, 2005. The Commission concluded that LAWA police officers should be designated as peace officers under Penal Code Section 830.1. ( The Executive Summary of the POST study is attached.)

**AB 1882 (Frommer) re Designation of Airport Police under Penal Code Section 830.1.** AB 1882, introduced on January 23, 2006, would amend the California Penal Code to upgrade the status and powers of the Los Angeles Airport Police from Penal Code Section 830.33 to Section 830.1, which is the designation already accorded to officers of the Los Angeles Police Department and to officers of the Los Angeles Port Police.

**Resolution (Hahn-Rosendahl).** Introduced on March 3, 2006, this Resolution notes that the public safety and law enforcement responsibilities of peace officers at public airports have greatly increased in recent years, in part due to needs for heightened security since September 11, 2001. The Resolution asserts that peace officer designation of the Los Angeles Airport Police under Penal Code Section 830.1 would provide additional police authority that would enable its officers to perform their duties more effectively and more expeditiously. The Resolution therefore proposes that the City of Los Angeles, with the Mayor's concurrence, support AB 1882 (Frommer) and/or similar legislation which would grant Penal Code Section 830.1 peace officer status to the Los Angeles Airport Police.

#### **Bill Responses with SUPPORT Recommendations.**

Board of Airport Commissioners: On February 21, the Board of Airport Commissioners adopted Resolution No. 22918, supporting AB 1882, which would grant Penal Code Section 830.1 peace officer status to the Airport Police.

Department of Airports/Los Angeles World Airports: In a report dated March 23, 2006, Los Angeles World Airports recommends City support of AB 1882 because LAWA's Airport Police Division is the lead law enforcement agency in all airport-related safety and security matters at the Department's four airports--Los Angeles International Airport (LAX), Ontario International Airport (ONT), Van Nuys Airport (VNY) and Palmdale Regional Airport (PMD). Further, AB 1882 would improve the Airport Police's ability to recruit new officers and reach its authorized strength, which would reduce the current reliance on assistance from LAPD officers on overtime at LAX.

As required by State law, the POST Commission submitted its report on the Peace Officer Feasibility Study relative to the Los Angeles Airport Police to the State Legislature on June 1, 2005. (Executive Summary is attached to LAWA's Bill Response Report.) The POST Commission described the current field duties and responsibilities of the Airport Police, as well as those duties requiring the additional authority that would be provide under Penal Code Section



830.1. These include:

- The need to possess explosives for the training of canines for bomb detection.
- The requirement to seize explosives and incendiary devices, including any unclassified explosives.
- The necessity to possess diversionary devices to immediately control any incident at the airports.
- The requirement to conduct the background investigations on the people working at the airports under the federal Transportation Security Agency (TSA) regulations.
- The authority for officers to seize firearms or other deadly weapons at the scene of domestic violence calls in and around the airport terminals, in the residential areas owned by the airports, and in businesses under LAWA's control.
- The responsibility to keep unsafe vehicles off the public roads in and around airport properties and prevent them from entering the airports.
- The function of preventing "gridlock" on the roads leading to and from the airports.
- The prevention, enforcement and investigation of all laws of making false bomb reports and giving false information.
- The need to issue a citation to a person involved in a traffic accident where there is reasonable cause to believe the person has committed a vehicular misdemeanor or infraction.
- The authority to inspect and enforce the sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages at the airports.

LAX Airline Airport Affairs Committee: In a letter dated April 11, 2006, the Chairman of this Airport Affairs Committee, consisting of airline carriers that operate at LAX, advised the Executive Director of Los Angeles World Airports that the Committee supports granting Penal Code Section 830.1 status to the Los Angeles Airport Police and Safety Officer, as approved by LAWA's Board Resolution No. 229818.

Peace Officers Research Association of California: In a letter dated February 28, 2006, the legislative advocate for the Peace Officers Research Association of California (PORAC), "representing 57,000 rank-and-file peace officers and 730 public safety associations," advises the author of AB 1882 that PORAC supports his bill.

### **Bill Responses with OPPOSE Recommendations.**

Los Angeles Police Department: In a letter dated February 7, 2006, the Chief of Police advises that he is opposing AB 1882, which proposes to reclassify the Los Angeles World Airports Police Division from an agency listed under Penal Code Section 830.33 to a general law enforcement agency under Section 830.1.

The Police Chief writes,

“Currently, sworn LAWAPD personnel are peace officers whose authority extends to any place in the State for the purposes of performing their primary duty of patrolling airport property. Generally, their authority to take police action outside their patrol area is limited to the prevention of a crime in progress or when there is an immediate danger to public safety. They may carry firearms subject to prior authority and the terms and conditions specified by their employing agency. AB 1882 would remove these restrictions on arrest powers and authority to carry firearms. It is my view that any change in designation is unnecessary and would have a negative impact on the coordination of law enforcement efforts within the City...”

The Police Chief also attached a Bill Response Report to his letter. The Bill Response Report, dated February 3, 2006, states that.

“.... the Los Angeles World Airports Police Division was created to ensure the protection of the airport, and it remains the lead local agency in all airport-related security matters. In today’s world, that is an awesome responsibility and one that requires considerable training and expertise, but the powers granted to the Airport Police under Section 830.33 of the Penal Code are more than adequate to allow them to perform this specialized mission...”

Police Protective League: In a letter dated March 2, 2006, the President of the Board of Directors of the Los Angeles Police Protective League advises the author of AB 1882 that the PPL, which represents over 9,000 police officers in the City of Los Angeles, opposes his bill. The letter reiterates the arguments made by the Los Angeles Police Department, asserting that the powers granted to the Airport Police under Penal Code Section 830.33 are more than adequate to allow them to perform their specialized mission, and that the additional authority that would be granted under Section 830.1 may cause the Airport Police to lose focus on their primary mission and divert them from their main responsibilities.

**Basis for CLA’s Recommendation.** There is substantive disagreement relative to the City’s prospective position on the proposed legislation. Advocates for and against the bill provide compelling arguments. The CLA’s recommendation for a support position is based on (1) the results of the POST Commission Study, which was undertaken at the request of the City Council when this issue was discussed in 2002; and (2) the fact that San Francisco International Airport is patrolled by the San Francisco Police Department, Airport Bureau and therefore is patrolled by officers classified under Penal Code Section 830.1; the Port of San Francisco similarly is patrolled by the San Francisco Police Department; and the San Diego International Airport and Port of San Diego are both patrolled by the San Diego Unified Port District Harbor Police,

specifically classified under Penal Code Section 830.1. Accordingly, since the State process for determining the appropriate peace officer status was followed and similar organizations throughout the State are classified under Section 830.1, the arguments in favor of support of upgrading the Airport Police under AB 1882 are very compelling. While opponents' concerns relative to jurisdictional confusion and difficulties in the coordination of law enforcement efforts within the City may be valid, those issues would be best addressed through policy decisions by the voters and the Council relative to how airport policing functions should be handled. Long-term debate about existing issues in coordination of law enforcement activities at City airports suggest that the arguments cited in opposition to this bill exist even with the current Section 830.33 designation of the Airport Police.


**DEPARTMENT(S) AFFECTED:** Department of Airports

**STATUS OF LEGISLATION:**

Introduced January 23, 2006.

Passed Assembly Public Safety Committee on April 25, 2006.

Pending vote on Assembly floor.

  
 Christine Yee Hollis  
 Analyst

Attachments: AB 1882 as introduced

Board of Airports Commissioners' Resolution, adopted February 21, 2006

Resolution (Hahn-Rosendahl), introduced on March 3, 2006

Department of Airports report, dated March 23, 2006

POST Commission Study, Executive Summary, dated June 1, 2005

Los Angeles Police Department letter, dated February 7, 2006

Los Angeles Police Department bill response report, dated February 3, 2006

Los Angeles Police Protective League letter, dated March 2, 2006

INTERGOVERNMENTAL  
RESOLUTION RELATIONS

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**WHEREAS**, any official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations or policies proposed to or pending before a local, State or federal governmental body or agency must have first been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council, with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

**WHEREAS**, increasing use of air travel has placed increasing responsibilities on public safety officers at airports-- highlighted by the events in the United States on September 11, 2001 that have led to a host of new and additional requirements for surveillance and screening of air passengers and air cargo in order to maximize public safety and security at public airports; and

**WHEREAS**, several years ago, the Los Angeles Airport Police requested a change in peace officer status under the California Penal Code and, as requested by the Los Angeles City Council in 2002 and as required by State law, first underwent a lengthy and comprehensive review by the California Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) Commission; and

**WHEREAS**, the POST Commission completed its study in 2005, concluding that the Los Angeles Airport Police needs additional powers and authority to carry out its current responsibilities and recommending that the peace officer designation of Los Angeles Airport Police under State law be upgraded from Penal Code Section 830.33 to Penal Code Section 830.1; and

**WHEREAS**, peace officer designation under Penal Code Section 830.1 is the highest peace officer designation in State law and the same designation that has been granted to county sheriffs and municipal police officers, as well as to San Diego Port Police and Los Angeles Port Police; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 830.1 status would provide the Los Angeles Airport Police with additional authority that will enable its officers to perform their duties more effectively and more expeditiously; and

**WHEREAS**, AB 1882 (Frommer), introduced this year, would amend the California Penal Code to provide the Los Angeles Airport Police with full peace officer status under Section 830.1;

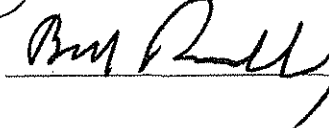
**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2005-2006 State Legislative Program SUPPORT of AB 1882 (Frommer) and/or similar legislation, which would grant Penal Code Section 830.1 peace officer status to the Los Angeles Airport Police.

PRESENTED BY

  
Janice Hahn

Councilmember, 15<sup>th</sup> District

SECONDED BY



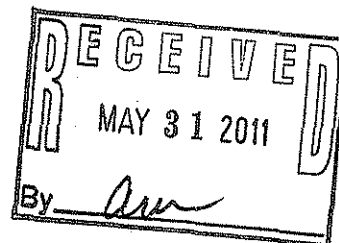
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UNITED STATES SECRET SERVICE



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Marshal E. McClain, President  
LASPOA  
6080 Center Drive, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Los Angeles, CA 90045

Dear Marshal McClain,

On behalf of the United States Secret Service, I would like to take this opportunity to formally thank the Los Angeles Airport Police Department, Dignitary Protective Unit, Los Angeles, California, for their unconditional support during the most recent Presidential visit to Los Angeles area on April 21-22, 2011. The support offered by your dedicated personnel assigned to the Los Angeles Airport Police, Dignitary Protective Unit to the entire U.S. Secret Service Presidential advance team was critical to the overall success of our protective mission.

ATSAIC Manny Puentes informed me that every member of the Los Angeles Airport Police Department was extremely cooperative and willing to assist our Agency in any way necessary. The planning and Airport logistics was coordinated efficiently and professionally by Sgt. Fernando Franco and officer's Chuck Jarvis, Victor Guirgus, and Tony Lopez, Dignitary Protective Unit.

As is the case with any protective function, we encourage input and assistance from our counterparts in every capacity. The Los Angeles Airport Police directly contributed to the success of our advance by accommodating our protective needs through their professionalism and expertise. The United States Secret Service sincerely appreciates the level of commitment you have shown through your continued cooperation with this Agency.

Thus, allow me to commend the men and women assigned to the Los Angeles Airport Police for their excellent cooperation, devotion to duty, and dedication to the successful completion of this protective mission. The United States Secret Service looks forward to working with your organization in the future.

Sincerely,

Wayne Williams  
Special Agent in Charge  
United States Secret Service  
Los Angeles Field Office

Cc: Sgt. Fernando Franco  
Officer Chuck Jarvis  
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Re: LAXKAB02

Letter of appreciation  
Head of LAX police department

Dear Sir/Madam.

1. Since the terror attack in LAX Airport on 4<sup>th</sup> July 2002 the El-Al Check In security was reinforced with police officers and the ESU unit, thus raising and upgrading security of El-Al passengers.
2. As the El-Al Security Regional Director I would like to express my appreciation to the effort done by the LAX Police force and the ESU unit in particular.
3. The last few years were very sensitive in regard to world terror threats and especially the threats against El-Al Israeli Airlines as a "soft" Israeli target.
4. I would like to point out that without the seriousness, motivation and cooperation of the ESU unit and the police officers, the El-Al Check In and operations in LAX airport could not have been safe for the last decade.
5. The presence of Police Force and ESU officers in the El-Al Check In is inducing a safe atmosphere to our passengers and staff.
6. I would like to thank you for your cooperation and understanding to the sensitivity of this airline.
7. I hope that this appreciation letter will reach all your police officers and ESU officers.

Yours sincerely,

**Yoav Lorbert**  
Security Director for North & South America  
El Al Security Division

May 12, 2011

Honorable Betsy Butler, Member  
California State Assembly  
State Capitol, Room 3132  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: AB 1377 - SUPPORT**

Dear Assembly member Butler:

I'm writing today in support of AB 1377.

Having served as the Chief of Police for the City of Los Angeles, the County of Los Angeles, and Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) I have extensive knowledge and understanding of what is necessary to not only ensure the safety and security of the greater Los Angeles area, but also its airports.

Based upon my years of experience and expertise in law enforcement and aviation security, it's my strong belief that AB 1377 is essential as it provides the sworn men and women of the Los Angeles Airport Police with the additional authority and state resources necessary to thoroughly protect Los Angeles airports and the nearly 60 million travelers who pass through them annually.

As the first line of defense against any potential terrorist attacks on LAX and the other airports managed by LAWA, it is crucial that the Los Angeles Airport Police be granted the authority that only comes by being reclassified under Penal Code Section 830.1, a recommendation made by our state's leading authority on law enforcement: the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST).

Through my years of experience, I understand the great depth of research completed by POST prior to it making any recommendations. I also understand that in the past twenty years POST has mostly denied requests from agencies seeking this designation. This is all the more reason to ensure that POST's recommendation to reclassify the Los Angeles Airport Police to Penal Code 830.1 is fulfilled through the passage of AB 1377. Anything less would be irresponsible and could potentially jeopardize the safety of Los Angeles airports and the general public.

At issue is the resistance of the Los Angeles Police Department, and especially the Police Protective League. They fail to recognize that the reclassification of the Airport Police to PC 830.1 will not in any way impinge on their current responsibilities at the airport. There is an MOA in place which clearly delineates duties of the parties and this would not be abrogated by the simple reclassification of the Airport Police to PC 830.1. As a matter of fact the reclassification would actually allow the Airport Police to

complete law enforcement duties which now can only be done by a PC 830.1 organization, thereby freeing up LAPD time to complete other tasks. If you have any questions, please contact me at 775 782-8068.

Sincerely,

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Bayan Lewis

Chief of Police, City of Los Angeles, Retired

Chief of Police, Los Angeles County Police, Retired

Director, Airport Safety Services, Los Angeles World Airports, Retired



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April 18, 2011

Honorable Betsy Butler  
California State Assembly  
State Capitol, Room 3132  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: AB 1377 - SUPPORT**

Dear Assemblymember Butler:

I'm writing today in support of AB 1377. As Councilmember for the City of Los Angeles' Eighth Council District and as the past Chief of Police for the Los Angeles Police Department, the safety and security of our great city has always been, and continues to be, one of my top priorities.

It is my strong belief that AB 1377 strengthens our city's dedicated law enforcement professionals as it provides the sworn men and women of the Los Angeles Airport Police with the additional authority and resources necessary to thoroughly protect our airports and the nearly 60 million travelers who pass through them annually.

As the first line of defense against any potential terrorist attacks on our airports, it is essential that the Los Angeles Airport Police be granted the authority that only comes by being placed under the designation of Penal Code Section 830.1 – a recommendation made by the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) in 2005.

AB 1377 grants the Los Angeles Airport Police with this authority by simply fulfilling POST's recommendation.

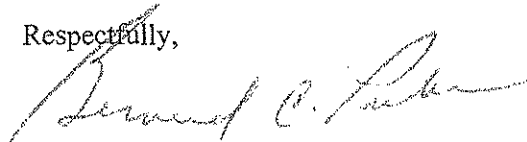
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designation. This is all the more reason to ensure that POST's recommendation to place the Los Angeles Airport Police under Penal Code 830.1 is fulfilled through the passage of AB 1377. Quite frankly, anything less would be irresponsible and could potentially jeopardize the safety of our airports and our city.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my Legislative Deputy Laura Peralta at (213) 473-7008 or by email at [Laura.Peralta@lacity.org](mailto:Laura.Peralta@lacity.org).

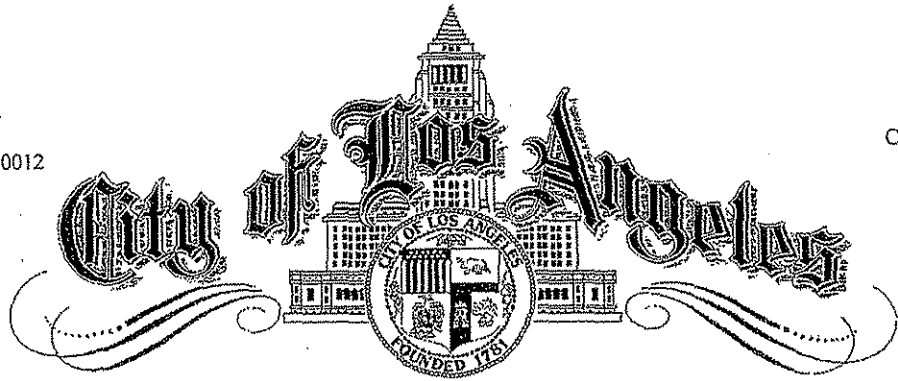
Respectfully,

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Bernard C. Parks  
Councilmember

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**CARMEN A. TRUTANICH**  
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April 21, 2011

The Honorable Betsy Butler  
California State Assembly  
State Capitol Building, Room 3132  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: AB 1377 - SUPPORT**

Dear Assembly Member Butler,

I write in support of AB 1377, which is in accord with the long term vision of the City of Los Angeles. This legislation will provide the Los Angeles Airport Police with the tools to protect our airport, the sixth busiest airport in the world.

AB 1377 reflects the recommendation made by the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) – to change the Los Angeles Airport Police designation from Penal Code Section 830.33 to 830.1.

It's my belief that any opportunity to enhance security and help fight crime will benefit the residents of Los Angeles. I look forward to working with you on this and other future public safety legislation. Please contact me if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

  
Carmen A. Trutanich  
City Attorney



STEVE COOLEY  
LOS ANGELES COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY

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April 21, 2011

Honorable Betsy Butler, Member  
California State Assembly  
State Capitol, Room 3132  
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**RE: AB 1377 - Support**

Dear Assemblymember Butler:

As Los Angeles County District Attorney, I am supporting AB 1377.

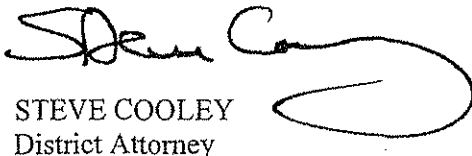
Among our state's many agencies responsible for serving public safety, the Commission on Peace Standards Training (POST) is among the most respected.

In 2005, POST completed an in-depth study in which its findings indicated that the Los Angeles Airport Police should be designated as peace officers pursuant to Penal Code Section 830.1.

AB 1377 fulfills this recommendation by changing the designation of the Los Angeles Airport Police from its current Penal Code Section 830.33 to Penal code 830.1. This designation will help provide the department with additional resources and training deemed necessary by POST to thoroughly protect our airports. In the Los Angeles County area.

Give the level to which POST conducts its studies and the basis upon which it makes its recommendations, I am pleased to support AB1377.

Sincerely,

  
STEVE COOLEY  
District Attorney

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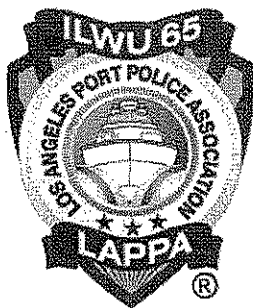
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March 23, 2011

Assemblywoman Betsy Butler  
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#### **RE: IN FAVOR OF AB 1377 AIRPORT POLICE OFFICERS**

Dear Assemblywoman Butler:

My name is Livanios J. Pilitsis and I am the president of the Los Angeles Port Police Association. On behalf of the men and women of our organization, I am writing to express our unequivocal support in favor of AB 1377.

A number of years ago, the State legislature approved our association's efforts to change our authority classification to 830.1. This privilege clearly allowed our police division to grow into the professional main-stream law enforcement organization it has become.

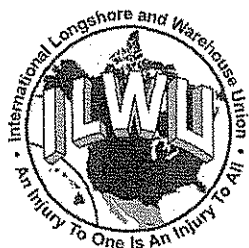
Fundamentally, the Airport and Port police share a working environment that is similar and specialized in nature. Unfortunately, the respective roles of our two organizations have changed to a mission that is predicated on a homeland security model.

With this change in focus, brings the reality of the potential of imminent risk associated with local and foreign terrorism. In recent years, the Airport was target of such attack to include a bombing plot that was thwarted and shooting at the EL AL Airlines terminal in which three people were killed and another three injured from gunfire.

In April 2005, the Airport Police suffered a tragic loss of life. Airport Police Officer Tommy Scott was killed in the line of duty while conducting a criminal investigation of a local man he had made contact with.

According to Airport Council International, Los Angeles International Airport ranked as the third busiest airport in the United States and 6<sup>th</sup> world-wide. In 2010, passenger traffic was reported at 58,915,100. This was a 4.2 percent increase of passenger travel over the previous year

Airport Police Officers serve in a dynamic and dangerous capacity. They should be provided with the tools that will help support their duties and make their jobs more efficient and easier.



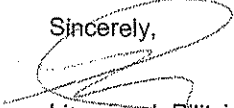
Los Angeles Port Police Association, Inc.  
P.O. Box 447, San Pedro, California 90733  
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1-800-307-1198



It should be the goal of the legislature to identify the needs of the Airport Police using your bill as a catalyst and provide them with the change in classification to 830.1 that will enhance their overall ability to grow and reach a higher level of service excellence.

In closing, I would like to thank you for your efforts in helping protect those members of the Los Angeles Airport Peace Officers Association by addressing their needs and helping promoting their welfare.

Sincerely,

  
Livianos J. Pilitsis  
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April 3, 2011

Governor Jerry Brown  
c/o State Capitol  
Suite 1173  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Governor Brown:

On behalf of the Los Angeles Airport Police Supervisors' Association (LAAPSA), I am writing to express our strong support for AB 1377. This bill will shift the status of law enforcement officers employed by the Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) from Penal Code Section 830.33(d) to 830.1.

In 2005, the Commission of Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) conducted in-depth interviews with federal, state and local agencies, along with a thorough review of the current jurisdiction of the Los Angeles Airport Police operations. POST determined that the Los Angeles Airport Police require additional powers and authority granted by 830.1 to perform all of the duties and responsibilities necessary in protecting its airports.

AB 1377 simply fulfills the recommendation made by POST.

As our state's most respected authority on establishing police standards and training, POST's findings must be taken seriously and action must be taken to ensure public safety through the fulfillment of its recommendations.

In the past twenty-one years, POST has completed over twelve feasibility studies for agencies requesting new or different authority. Of these studies, POST has made only three recommendations for a change in status. These recommendations were for the San Diego Harbor Police, Los Angeles Port Police and the Los Angeles Airport Police. Just as Los Angeles Port Police have been given the authority and resources granted by 830.1 to ensure the safety of our Ports, the Los Angeles Airport Police must be given the same authority and resources to thoroughly protect one of the nation's busiest airports and hubs of commerce.

As Peace Officers and members of the Los Angeles Airport Police Supervisors' Association, ensuring the safety of all Californians, and those visiting our great state, is our number one priority. That is why we strongly support the passage of AB 1377 and ask that you do the same.

Sincerely, for the Board,

*George G. Jarvis*

George G. Jarvis, President, LAAPSA



April 3, 2011

John A. Perez  
Speaker of the Assembly  
c/o State Capitol  
P.O. Box 942849  
Sacramento, CA 94249-0046

Dear Speaker Perez:

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Sincerely, for the Board,

*George G. Jarvis*

George G. Jarvis, President, LAAPSA





## AIRPORT POLICE COMMAND OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION OF LOS ANGELES

April 11, 2011

Governor Jerry Brown  
c/o State Capitol  
Suite 1173  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Support for AB1377

Dear Governor Brown,

On behalf of the Airport Police Command Officers' Association of Los Angeles (APCOALA), I am writing to express our strong support for AB 1377. This bill will facilitate the necessary shift of status for law enforcement officers employed by the Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) from Penal Code Section 830.33(d) to that of 830.1.

In 2005, the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) conducted in-depth interviews with federal, state and local agencies, along with a thorough review of the current jurisdiction of the Los Angeles Airport Police and its supporting operations. POST determined that the Los Angeles Airport Police require additional powers and authority granted by 830.1 to perform all of the duties and responsibilities necessary in protecting its airports, and found that the Los Angeles Airport Police was in full compliance with POST mandated requirements for agencies that are enumerated in the 830.1 Penal Code Section.

AB 1377 simply fulfills the recommendation made by POST.

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As Peace Officers and members of the Airport Police Command Officers' Association of Los Angeles, ensuring that those personnel we command have all of the requisite tools and authorities to ensure the safety of all Californians, and those visiting our great state, is our number one priority. That is why we strongly support the passage of AB 1377 and ask that you do the same.

On behalf of the Airport Police Command Officers' Association of Los Angeles,

*LaPonda J. Fitchpatrick*

LaPonda J. Fitchpatrick, President, APCOALA

[sent via email]

Dear Distinguished Public Safety Committee Members,

I am writing you in regards to AB 1377, a bill that would ensure police officers employed by the Los Angeles World Airports would receive their authority under CA Penal Code Section 830.1. I am asking that you support AB 1377, and support the men and women who have taken an oath to protect the people of California and the many world travelers who enter the United States via the Los Angeles World Airports.

The sacrifices and commitment to public safety made by the sworn men and women of the Los Angeles World Airports is no different than those made by myself, other municipal police officers, or sheriff deputies in the state of California. These brave men and women must enforce the same laws I do as a Sonoma County Deputy Sheriff and deserve the same benefits and protections afforded me under CA Penal Code Section 830.1. California Peace Officers' Standards and Training (POST), has reported for many years that the Los Angeles World Airports Police Officers should receive their authority under Penal Code Section 830.1.

The only opposition to this bill seems to come from entities who wish to compete against the Los Angeles World Airport Police. The opposition is motivated by personal gain and is political in nature.

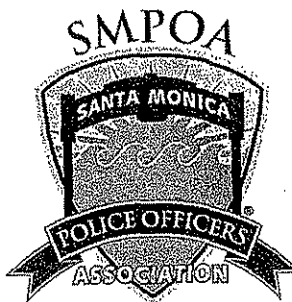
I ask that you have the courage to support AB 1377 as recommended by POST and on the grounds of supporting and improving public safety at the Los Angeles World Airports.

Thank you,

Bill Focha

President, Sonoma County Deputy Sheriffs' Association

PORAC Northern Chapter Director



April 15, 2011

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Sincerely, for the Board,

Matthew Rice,  
Chairman  
Santa Monica Police Officers' Association



April 15, 2011

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Sincerely, for the Board,

Matthew Rice,  
Chairman,  
Santa Monica Police Officers' Association

April 3, 2011

Governor Jerry Brown  
c/o State Capitol  
Suite 1173  
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# County of Santa Cruz Deputy Sheriff's Association

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Dear Distinguished Public Safety Committee Members ,

I am writing you in regards to AB 1377, a bill that would ensure police officers employed by the Los Angeles World Airports would receive their authority under CA Penal Code Section 830.1. I am asking that you support AB 1377, and support the men and women who done such a great job protecting the millions of people, myself included, who travel the world by connecting through the Los Angeles World Airports.

The outstanding work done every day by these officers is no different than the work done every day by myself, other municipal police officers, or sheriff deputies in the state of California. They enforce the same laws are governed by the same high moral and professional standards and they deserve the same benefits and protections afforded me under CA Penal Code Section 830.1. This status will also allow them to provide even more law enforcement services which their current status keeps them from doing. California Peace Officers' Standards and Training (POST), has reported for many years that the Los Angeles World Airports Police Officers should receive their authority under Penal Code Section 830.1.

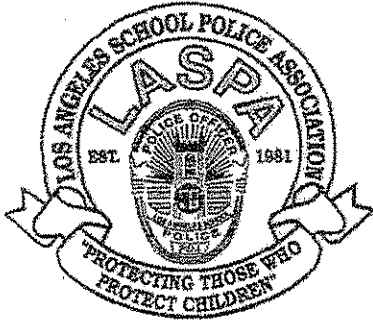
The only opposition to this bill seems to come from entities who wish to compete against the Los Angeles World Airport Police. The opposition is motivated by personal gain and is political in nature.

I ask that you have the courage to support AB 1377 as recommended by POST and on the grounds of supporting and improving public safety at the Los Angeles World Airports.

Thank you,

Bill Gazza.

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April 10, 2011

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Sincerely,

James Ream, President  
Los Angeles School Police Association



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**WESTCHESTER NEIGHBORS ASSOCIATION**

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Los Angeles, California 90045  
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May 3, 2011

Honorable Betsy Butler, Member  
California State Assembly  
State Capitol, Room 3132  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: AB 1377 - SUPPORT**

Dear Assembly member Butler:

The Westchester Neighbors Association represents the 4000 homes in LA 90045 living in the area adjacent to LAX. We support AB 1377 which would shift the status of the Los Angeles Airport Police from Penal Code Section 830.33(d) to 830.1. and provide additional resources for the protection of LAX.

We understand that the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) performed an evaluation of the Los Angeles Airport Police in 2005 and recommended that the additional powers and authority granted by 830.1 to perform all of the duties and responsibilities necessary in protecting its airports.

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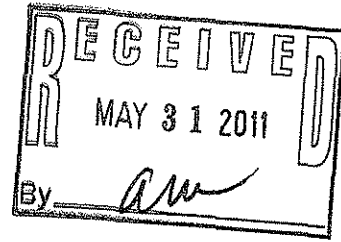
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Sincerely,



Stuart H. Garrison, Chairperson  
CC: LA City Council member Bill Rosendahl

**SPEAKER 6: MARSHALL'S CLOSE**



**Good morning Councilmembers. My name is Marshall McClain and I am the president of the Los Angeles Airport Peace Officers' Association.**

**As you've just heard from our officers, the Los Angeles Airport Police is one of the most respected law enforcement agencies in the country – and a renowned resource for aviation security training. In fact, it's because of our specialized training and our ability to work seamlessly with the other local, state and federal agencies at LAWA airports as the first line of defense, that we've created one of the safest airport environments in the country. We are all so proud of that!**

**So with all of our success, you can imagine how dismayed, disappointed and quite frankly stunned we were to hear of the resolution in opposition to our legislation for 830.1 status.**

**Our request for this legislation is NOT merely about an increase in authority; it is about having the additional resources readily available. As you know, our officers are the first responders to all incidents in and around the airports. Not fulfilling POSTs recommendation to grant Airport Police 830.1 status is like being a doctor in the ER but not being given access to the crash cart.**

Every day that we wait to fulfill POSTs recommendation is a day in which our public safety could be put at risk.

It's unfortunate that a bill that should be overwhelmingly supported by all seems to have become a political issue. The idea that the Council isn't behind this bill is of concern since this bill is nothing more than sound public policy.

At a time in which LAX continues to be identified as a key terrorist target, not supporting legislation that only strengthens the safety and security of our airports and our city....at no cost to the city...is...well, in the words of Chief Bayan Lewis, "irresponsible".

I ask you this, what would the residents of Los Angeles say if they were told that every opportunity to protect our airports and therefore our city wasn't being taken?

Today, we ask that you vote this resolution down and instead support AB 1377 since regardless of what the Blue Ribbon panel may recommend, AB 1377 is strong public policy that is backed by overwhelming evidence from leading authorities in airport security.

Thank you.

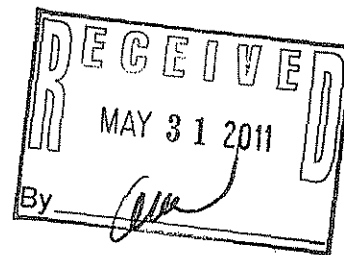
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## LA AIRPORT POLICE ARE RECOGNIZED EXPERTS AND EDUCATORS IN AVIATION SECURITY

For the State Mandated 832.1, LA Airport Police has trained LEOS from all of the commercial airports.

For the National and International airport LEOS, the LA Airport Police has trained (partial list):

TSA Officers and Federal Security Directors  
Port of Seattle/SEATAC  
Portland (Oregon)  
Atlanta Hartsfield (Entire Aviation Department)  
Phoenix  
Miami-Dade  
New Orleans  
St. Louis  
Indianapolis  
Port Authority of New York/New Jersey  
Baltimore Washington  
Dulles  
Detroit  
Austin  
El Paso  
San Antonio  
Piedmont Triad International Airport  
RALEIGH-DURHAM INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT  
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