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Police Chiefs Endorse Former Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa for California Governor

The California Police Chiefs Association is pleased to announce its decision to endorse Mayor Villaraigosa to become the next Governor of California. After much deliberation, the CPCA Board of Directors came to the agreement that Mayor Villaraigosa is the right person to lead California during these trying times. His leadership and experience as Speaker of the State Assembly and as Mayor of Los Angeles showed our members he has the perseverance and boldness to make the decisions that best serve the interest of California and its citizens.

“Our association is committed to guaranteeing the safety and well-being of our communities and we feel confident that Mayor Villaraigosa will work with us every step of the way to achieve that goal” said CPCA President Ed Medrano, Chief of the Gardena Police Department. As Mayor of Los Angeles during the nation’s worst economic recession, Villaraigosa “stood by local law enforcement when others were handing out pink slips to officers to cut costs. That takes courage and is a battle many in his position would have avoided,” added Chief Medrano. The California Police Chiefs Association hopes to foster that same type of relationship and mutual respect with Mayor Villaraigosa as he positions himself to become the next Governor of California.

The California Police Chiefs Association represents the state’s municipal police chiefs whose agencies protect over 26 million Californians.

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